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## Solitario Zone Change Passes On Second Vote

The Agawam Planning Board, at a special session on April 14th, voted by a 3-2 margin to submit a favorable recommendation to the Town Council on the proposed zone change of local developer Frank Solitario. Earlier in the week, the town's planners had shot down the zone change request by a 4-1 margin.

### Confusion

Confusion on the nature of the vote caused board member Harold Ellis to ask for another meeting to clarify the recommendation the Board would be sending to the Council. Ellis said that the Board apparently had sent the Council a recommendation endorsing the project, which calls for some 650 condominium units on the corner of Suffield and South Streets. Prior to Saturday's meeting, Ellis also indicated that a second vote may be taken and he would be making a presentation to his colleagues to convince them to endorse the zone change to the Council. Ellis did just that.

In view of approximately 30 residents, Ellis told the Board that he had uncovered some facts which indicated that the Planning Board has sufficient control over the A-3 zoning (which Solitario is seeking) once the zone change is approved. Ellis, along with board members Charles Calabrese and Louis Chiketti voted for the zone change while Robert Bergin and chairman Ronald Huot voted against the proposal. Both Ellis and Calabrese reversed their original votes.

### Five Reasons

In his presentation, Ellis listed five reasons why he feels the planners have sufficient control over the developer. Those reasons are:

—Sewerage - "we can deny the developer the right to build another sewer system which would limit him to just 100 condominiums."  
—The Planning Board in their by-laws can reject site plans for vehicle traffic control within the development.

—Conservation Commission can deny construction of condominium units within 100 feet of any wetlands, which are extensive on the tract.

—Planning Board has the power to introduce an ordinance with the approval of the Town Council, specifically designed to restrict the developer from carrying out site plans as originally intended. This process could take 169 days maximum and 40 days minimum according to Ellis.  
—If the developer wishes to appeal to the Board of Appeals on this matter, that board could subject the developer to abide by conditions set upon him by the Board of Appeals.

### Clearly Defined

According to Ellis, the actual working area on this parcel is clearly defined because of the wetland areas. Ellis said the area which could be developed is approximately 45 acres. "The developer will have to rely on cooperation from the various town agencies for permission to build there," Ellis explained.

But, Bergin and Huot clearly disagreed with Ellis. Bergin said Ellis was misleading the Board with information being presented as interpretations of the by-laws. Bergin said the items presented by Ellis were not nearly sufficient enough for the Planning Board to use as controls over the developer.

Huot observed that once the conditions of the zoning by-laws, Bergin said the items

Ellis showed the Board a blueprint he designed of the type of construction Solitario could follow once he attains the zone change. Ellis was reluctant to allow the gallery to review his drawings. Following the meeting,

Councilors Paul Fieldstad and John McNamara asked the Planning Board for copies of Ellis' drawing and also for the minutes of the meeting.

### Different Interpretations

Ellis said that perhaps the planners are interpreting the town's zoning by-laws in a different manner. "But my point of view is that we do have sufficient control over Mr. Solitario and he will have to cooperate with us. I like to

think of this matter as cooperation between the developers and the various town agencies and not a show of strength," Ellis said.

Some controversy erupted when Calabrese attempted to  
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## Outstanding Athlete Awards Presented



Presenting the Agawam Athletic Association-Agawam Advertiser/News 'Outstanding Awards' are from left: Donald Rheault, Mario Iacolo, Boys Swimming; Jerry Mason, Wrestling; Tom Knight, Boys Basketball; and Gail Lonetto of the Advertiser/News staff. Absent when picture was taken was Edwyna Stefanik, Girls Basketball. photo by Jack Devine

## ABA Board of Directors Submits Position Paper on Library Construction

In a prepared statement to the Agawam Advertiser/News, the Board of Directors of the Agawam Business Association said they were "shocked" by the refusal of Agawam Town government to be accountable to its citizens because the Library Review Board failed in their quest to properly review the procedures taken by the Town's Library Building Committee in the construction of the Cooper Street Library.

The position statement included nine points: Why was the Library Building Committee permitted to commit public funds on the "art shell" in-so-far as in the letters of poointment of committee members directed the building of a library?

Why was a contract for the "art shell" in an amount over \$50,000, entered into without competitive bidding?

Why haven't the tax payers been informed that the "art shell", that didn't happen, will cost us all \$8,100?

Why was the committee and the architect misinformed regarding EDA funding procedure?

Why wasn't

Why wasn't the "horse shoe" table bid in-so-far as it's cost was \$4,000 plus design fee?

Were the public funds spent without prudence as a result of funding procedures?

What action did the committee take after a complaint was made to its Chairman regarding possible conflict of interest in matters

of specification for furnishings? How were alternate bidders considers fairly if there was in fact a conflict?

What efforts by the committee led to contracts with the architect for the library and school projects?

Is the building committee for both the library and high school a legally appointed committee under the rules set in the Agawam Town Charter?

Arthur Leary, spokesman for the ABA's Board of Directors said the nine points were passed by a 10-1 margin at an April 12 meeting of that body. Leary, Joseph Napolitan and Gerry Zerra served on the ABA's special AD Hoc panel that was designed to submit questions to the four members Library

Review Board who would in turn receive the answers from Building Committee members Paul Fieldstad, Richard Borgatti and George Bickford.

Review Board members Renee Thomas, Marilyn Curry, Thomas Capola and Raymond Saracino submitted a report to Caputo April 6 containing five recommendations for future building committees to follow. Saracino said the Building Committee acted "within the law" in the construction of the approximately \$730,000 facility. According to the ABA Board of Directors however, the Review Board failed in its task.

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# HBO

HOME BOX OFFICE FROM TIME-LIFE

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday  
April 18

5:00 MURDER BY DEATH (PG-1:34)  
7:00 Special: CIRCUS  
8:00 THE BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING (PG-1:37)  
▲ 10:00 AAU Boxing: EASTERN SEMI-FINALS  
11:30 Special: CIRCUS

Thursday  
April 19

6:30 THE GREAT BRAIN (G-1:30)  
▲ 8:00 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GYMNASTICS - I  
9:00 THE CHEAP DETECTIVE (PG-1:32)  
10:30 THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH (PG-1:30)  
12:00 MEAN DOG BLUES (R-1:48)

Friday  
April 20

6:00 THE GOODBYE GIRL (PG-1:50)  
8:00 Special: UPCLOSE  
▲ 9:00 BLUE COLLAR (R-1:50)  
11:00 THE SAILOR WHO FELL FROM GRACE WITH THE SEA (R-1:45)  
1:00 BLUE COLLAR (R-1:50)

Saturday  
April 21

2:30 THE BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING (PG-1:37)  
4:30 MURDER BY DEATH (PG-1:34)  
6:30 AAU Boxing: EASTERN SEMI-FINALS  
8:00 DIRTY HARRY (R-1:35)  
10:00 THE GREAT TEXAS DYNAMITE CHASE (R-1:29)  
11:30 THE CHOIRBOYS (R-1:59)

Sunday  
April 22

2:30 ELMER (G-1:30)  
4:00 THE GREAT BRAIN (G-1:30)  
5:30 THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH (PG-1:30)  
7:00 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GYMNASTICS - I  
▲ 8:00 Standing Room Only: ONE MORE TIME: MUSIC THEN AND NOW  
9:30 Special: UPCLOSE  
10:30 MEAN DOG BLUES (R-1:48)  
12:30 RABBIT TEST (PG-1:26)

Monday  
April 23

5:30 Special: CIRCUS  
6:30 Standing Room Only: A TRIBUTE TO NEIL SIMON  
8:00 DOG DAY AFTERNOON (R-2:05)  
10:30 BLUE COLLAR (R-1:50)  
12:30 THE GOODBYE GIRL (PG-1:50)

Tuesday  
April 24

5:30 VISIT TO A CHIEF'S SON (G-1:32)  
7:00 Special: UPCLOSE  
▲ 8:00 SCALPEL (PG-1:35)  
10:00 THE CHEAP DETECTIVE (PG-1:32)  
11:30 DIRTY HARRY (R-1:35)



For everyone who ever wanted to run away to the circus, this is the story of those who did. "Circus," narrated by Tom "Happy Days" Bosley, is rich entertainment for all ages and tastes. This look at how a circus works and the performers who light up the ring is scheduled for this month on Home Box Office.

## HBO IS SOMETHING ELSE

## AIC Slates Small Business Workshop

As a service for owners and employees of small business firms, American International College will host a free afternoon workshop entitled "Marketing for Small Businesses" on Monday, April 23. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. at DAR Hall at the college. The program will begin at 1:00 at DAR Hall.

Sales management and administration, inventory management, market research, pricing policy, and public relations and advertising are the five general topics to be covered. Focus areas include mark-ups and mark-downs, segmenting the market, increasing return on investment, computers and traffic control, and managing an effective sales force.

Panel sessions start at 1 p.m. and will be followed by question and answer periods. At 4 p.m., William F. Scheneman, private business consultant and visiting lecturer at AIC, will lead a wrap-up discussion.

Marketing seminar is sponsored by AIC's Small Business Institute in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Interested persons should register in advance by contacting Dean Robert L. Graham, Jr., School of Business Administration, AIC, 170 Wilbraham Road, Springfield 01109 telephone 737-5331, extension 234/236.

## Southwick Shoe Party

The Southwick Senior Citizens Tenant Association of Southwick will hold a ladies shoe party on Monday, May 7th. The party will be held at the Depot Court Community Hall and will begin at 6 p.m.

All are urged to attend. Free refreshments will be served. All shoes will be \$8.00 per pair.

## Taxpayers Urged To Pay Up

Taxpayers who have owed the state in excess of \$5,000 for six months or more are being urged by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to pay up now if they want to keep the information from going public.

Commissioner L. Joyce Hampers said notification went out to 2,817 delinquent taxpayers who owe meals, sales, rooms, and withholding taxes amounting to an estimated \$43,995,000 for 46,749 filing periods.

Mrs. Hampers said disclosure comes under Chapter 543 of the Acts of 1977 which requires that a list of delinquents be made public by the commissioner after the taxpayer has been notified.

She said the taxes must be paid within 60 days after notification to keep the information from being subject to the public list.

## School Lunch Menus

### Agawam School Menu

Monday, April 23: Grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad w/ shredded carrots and French dressing, ½ peanut butter sandwich for seconds, chilled peaches in syrup, milk  
Junior and Senior High: Chicken salad sandwich in water roll

Tuesday, April 24: Chilled fruit juice, baked hamburger & macaroni in tomato sauce, buttered Italian bread, green beans, jello w/ whipped topping, milk

Wednesday, April 25: Steamed frankfurt in roll, oven baked beans, potato puffs, chilled pears in syrup, milk

Thursday, April 26: Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered diced carrots, whole wheat bread, school baked cookies, milk

Friday, April 27: Chilled juice, barbecued beef in roll, steamed rice, buttered niblet corn, ice cream, milk

### Southwick School Menu

Monday, April 23: Chicken salad on roll w/ shredded lettuce, potato chips, fresh banana, nut cup, milk

Tuesday, April 24: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, shredded cheese, buttered corn, bread & butter, chilled fruit cup, milk

Wednesday, April 25: Cheeseburger on bun, catsup & mustard, French fries, hot buttered vegetables, vanilla pudding w/ topping, milk

Thursday, April 26: Hearty beef stew, cheese cubes, buttered rice, dessert cook's choice, bread & butter, milk

Friday, April 27: Cheese pizza, buttered green beans, tossed green salad w/ dressing, chilled cinnamon applesauce, milk

## Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

4/23: Italian sausage, tomato macaroni, broccoli, blueberry crisp  
4/24: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cabbage, banana  
4/25: Ham, noodles, spinach, jello  
4/26: Chicken soup, cottage cheese/peach, rolls, ice cream  
4/27: Tuna loaf, bean salad, danish pastry  
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The Senior Citizens oil painting class at the Agawam Senior Center is conducting an exhibit of their work on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (May 2, 3, & 4) at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Everyone is invited. On May 1 (Hypertension Clinic Day) we will have a speaker on Energy Conservation. This should be of interest to all house owners, and those who would like to cooperate with their landlord. The speaker will start at 12:30 and will also show some slides. So while you are waiting for the blood pressure clinic, you have the chance to learn a few tips on how to save energy-money.

## Full Time and Part Time Sales People Needed- Call 786-7747

## Springtime Sky At Laughing Brook

Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden is offering a two week nighttime course for people interested in learning how to identify

constellations, planets, signs of the zodiac and star names. The two sessions are held Tuesday evening on April 24 and May 1, beginning at 8 p.m.

The *Springtime Sky* program is taught by amateur astronomer, Ron Woodland. He has led numerous "star parties" for local conservation organizations. His program is geared for families who would like to become more familiar with the night time sky. The *Springtime Sky* program is open to the public and a fee is charged. Enrollment is limited and reservations can be made by calling Laughing Brook any day at 566-3571.

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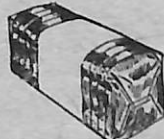
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# ACT Scores Planners Revote

The Steering Committee of the 125 member Agawam Citizens Together Committee said today that the April 14 special session of the Planning Board "was a sham" and that Chairman Daniel Lacienski was calling upon all Town residents to attend an April 18 meeting of ACT "to stand up and not allow appointed officials to play games with their future and investments."

At the April 14 meeting in the Town Hall Hearing Room, the Planning Board by a 3-2 margin re-verses their 4-1 vote taken April 7 on the zone change for the \$20 million Solitario condominium project. Solitario is hoping to install approximately 650 units on an 85 acre tract on the corner of South and Suffield streets.

The special session, called by Harold Ellis, one of the board's newest members, recinded their earlier action based on "new information" presented by Ellis, which contended that the Planning Board has sufficient control over the developer in an A-3 zone, which Solitario is asking for. ACT members present at the special session were visibly shaken by the board's reversal.

## 'Something Better Banking' at Valley

Valley Bank president, Gordon N. Oakes, Jr. announced a new banking called "Something Better Banking," which is unique to a Greater Springfield area and will be available to customers starting May 1, 1979.

"Something Better Banking will benefit bank customers in three ways," Oakes said. "First, customers can do most of their own banking - any time of day or night - seven days a week at six conveniently-located Something Better Banking Centers. The Centers are located inside the bank lobbies and will feature X-Press 24 unit whereby customers can withdraw cash from their checking and savings accounts (up to \$350 per day), make deposits and payments, transfer funds between accounts, and obtain account balance information, any time of the day or night--at the customer's convenience. Automatically, the customer will receive a written receipt for each transaction."

The new Centers will be located in the bank's Main Office in Valley Bank Tower, Forest Park, Sixteen Acres, Springfield Plaza, West Springfield and Westfield (30 Elm Street) offices.

The second way the bank's Something Better Program will benefit customers is with the installation of an X-press unit in each of their 24 offices. Customers can use the X-press unit to approve their own personal checks, up to \$350 per day, for teller cashing. They may also use the X-press unit to approve other checks payable to them, such as payroll checks, government checks and other checks written by a third party; up to \$350 per day. They can also transfer funds from one account to another as well as check their account balances.

The third benefit is that customers will have banking convenience throughout the State of Massachusetts. To accomplish this, they are changing their name from Valley Bank to BayBank Valley, thereby providing a common identity with other BayBanks across the state.

New bank signage bearing the name BayBank Valley will be installed at the bank's 24 offices over the next two months.

Demonstrations on how to operate X-press and X-press 24 units will begin May 1, 1979. Everyone participating in a demonstration will be eligible to enter a free drawing for a prize of a Magnavox color T.V.

"The meeting might have been called legally, but I question the ethics of it," related Harry Minet, the public relations officer for the ACT organization. "They posted this at 4:15 on a Wednesday before a meeting of this importance was to take place and on a three day holiday weekend. I don't think this was morally in the best interest of the Town."

Lacienski said it now appears a "small select group of politically powerful people are imposing their will on the citizens of Agawam. This is quite contrary to the contention that just a small group of residents from the West end of Agawam are speaking for the entire Town," Lacienski said. "People in Town do not want those condominiums so now the table has turned, it is a

small group trying to impose their will on all of us."

Both Minet and Lacienski were highly critical that Solitario's lawyer, Donald Conway, was asked for legal interpretation during the meeting by Planning Board members. "Asking the developer's lawyer for advice certainly is not in the best interest of the Town," Minet said. "And Mr. Conway admitted that he did not have sufficient knowledge of the Town's zoning by-laws, yet you got the feeling that some on that board took his word for granted," Lacienski added. "It was wrong for the Planning Board to ask him these questions. It was highly improper."

Minet said he was upset with Ellis over comments he allegedly made to a few ACT members after the meeting.

According to Minet, Ellis said, "I don't care about negative public input to the Planning Board and it was not the function of the Planning Board to listen to citizen input."

"Why in the world should the Planning Board go through public hearings if they are not going to consider citizen input," Minet said.

Lacienski questioned the presentation made by Ellis, which included a blue print that Solitario could follow for construction of his condominiums. "Since when is it the function of a Planning Board member to present a plan for the developer when the developer has not even submitted a plan of his own yet?" Lacienski said.

"It was so obvious that he (Ellis) had conversation with Solitario prior to calling the

special session that Charles Calabrese (another board member) questioned Ellis about his relationship with Solitario. (Ellis said he had none) It certainly appears that Ellis was presenting a case and a plan for the developer after he himself said that he had put many long hours preparing the presentation.

Minet applauded the statement made by planner Robert Bergin at the meeting's outset. Bergin said that this meeting would question the credibility of the Planning Board. "We think Mr. Bergin and Mr. Huot (the board's chairman) thought that the meeting was legal but improper and we give them credit for their sentiments."

Minet said that Ellis, Calabrese and Louis Chichette, the three who voted for the favorable

recommendation to the Town Council for the zone change, have misinterpreted the zoning by-laws.

"In fact," Minet said, "Mr. Ellis used this misinterpretation of the by-laws to sell his arguments. It was all taken out of context and we hope the Town Council will take that into full consideration at their public hearing on the Solitario project," Minet related.

Lacienski said the revote "was a terrible wrong" on the citizens of Agawam. "I think they have awakened a sleeping giant with that vote," he said.

The Wednesday, April 18n meeting of ACT will be held at the Valley Community Church at 7:30. Lacienski urges all citizens to attend.

# THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE!



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## Councilors Speak Out On Current Issues

In both this week's and next week's edition of the Agawam Advertiser News, all fifteen Town Councilors will be given space to answer a series of questions we posed to them. Included in our questioning were their feelings on the Solitario condominium project on the corner of Suffield and South Streets, and the Beltrandi Business Park in Feeding Hills. Both of these local developers have asked the Council for zone changes so their projects can get underway. The council will be conducting a public hearing on the Solitario proposal April 25th and on Beltrandi's on April 26th.

The following are the comments made to the Advertiser News from Councilors William Herd, Stephen Cincotta, Donald Laduzenski, John McNamara, Paul Fieldstad, Robert DeForge and John Bartnik. The remaining Councilors' comments will appear in next week's edition.

**Question: Would you agree that as a town we are in financial trouble? (We don't have a substantial tax base)**

**William Herd:** "I think we're in good financial position. We always want to be increasing our tax base. One of our major emphasis should be trying to develop the industrial track on Shoemaker Lane. The tax rate the way it is now is basically eliminating services which I think we're seeing this year. I'm not saying that's good. We have to go along with keeping it as stable as possible. We are sorely in need of work to be done in regards to road, sewer systems and we have water problems. These are costly and unless we get some help from the state or federal government, the town is going to pay for it and obviously, the residents in town will be paying for it. We can maintain our tax rate only so long."

**Stephen Cincotta:** "Well, I think the tax base leaves something to be desired and we are not on as stable financial grounds as I would like to see. We have to find alternatives to stabilize and increase the tax base in order to maintain the present services without having to increase the taxes."

**Donald Laduzenski:** "No, I don't believe we are in financial trouble. I think that in the last few years, the fiscal budget has been managed pretty good, although there could be a few things we could cut back on. We are in no dire straits with the tax rate. If we maintain the same services, taxes have to creep up because of inflation. Union contracts alone cost money and this does not include things like road materials. But most of the budget is spent on people."

**John McNamara:** "No, I don't believe so. I am basing this on the report that appeared March 19 in the Daily News. The taxable property in town is sufficient to stabilize our tax base. The Building Inspector issued 154 permits at a cost of \$16.6 million for construction in 1978. It has more or less increased our tax base. Somebody is building in town."

**Paul Fieldstad:** "No, I don't think we are in any more financial trouble than any other surround communities. The inflation has caused some inconvenience but we are not in financial trouble."

**Robert DeForge:** "I can say after talking to the Town

Treasurer, who is the most qualified man in the community to talk about the financial condition of the town, that we are in good financial shape. I would have to agree with the man who controls the finances until proven differently."

**John Bartnik:** "I don't think we are in financial trouble. Off the top of my head I am not aware of any problems with the tax base. If we need something to offset our tax base then we need something to stabilize it and that's industry and putting it in the right place."

**Question: Are you in favor of the Solitario condominium project? Are you in favor of any gaming proposals coming into Agawam? Are you in favor of the Beltrandi business park and if not, would you be in favor if there were controls imposed upon him? (Beltrandi)**

**Herd:** "I have no comment on the gaming proposals. I have not heard of any new proposals coming into Agawam although heard talk about people possibly making future proposals."

As far as both of the development projects are concerned, at this moment, its premature for me to express a final decision on both without first seeing the Planning Board's report, reports from the various agencies of the town and to hear what the people in town have to say at our public hearings. The Beltrandi project would have the greatest impact on my Precinct (two). I'm not sure that even with strict site control it would still not have a big impact on this area."

The whole project is touted to have a favorable impact on our tax base. It probably would provide some services we could use but I am questioning the quantity of these things. The impact the project would have on the residents of Hendom Drive, the surrounding streets and people in the South West-South Westfield Streets area, and the abutters is a great concern to me. I am also concerned with the credibility of the developer himself. And the effects the project would have on the whole public safety, sewer systems and traffic concerns me. He's putting in his roads but what will happen to our roads and sewers to take care of him?"

The Police and Fire Departments will have to take care of that area too. Precinct two has a problem that there is a lot of open space and this tends to be a prime area for developers to think they can pop in and make a substantial profit without considering the effects on the residents. Other Councilors should think in that regards; the benefits to the town and the effects upon the residents in Precinct two. Its no an easy decision. Maybe they should ask themselves, "if it was in my backyard, how would I feel?"

**Cincotta:** "I don't know enough about the Solitario proposal at this time. I am waiting for information. I had originally thought it to be much smaller."

I wouldn't be totally against gaming coming into Agawam. Gaming in itself isn't that bad. It would have to depend on what the proposal would be however."

At this point, I am in favor of the Beltrandi proposal. It goes back to the tax base. We have to broaden it a little or it will soon become too much to bear. This project is going to bring us additional business even during the construction period. It will be developed from local personnel. The municipal services for the shopping center and condominiums will be minimized by the revenue coming in."

**Laduzenski:** "I don't have all the facts on the Solitario proposal. I am waiting for the report from the Planning Board. I will be specifically interested in how it will effect the surrounding area."

On gaming proposals, I would have to again, really look into what its all about. I'm willing to listen to somebody and then make a decision based on facts and the research I've done. I wouldn't turn anybody down until I've heard the pros and cons."

On the Beltrandi proposal, again, I am waiting to be presented with all the facts. I am quite concerned with what the potential cost of this is to the town. I hope that once I have analyzed all the reports I'll come to the right decision. I have heard that a lot of developers are putting up buildings and then the taxpayers are being stuck with the bills. It is high time for some long range planning in Agawam. I'm not saying I am against developing Agawam, but we need to put proper planning into having an industrial base, and at the same time, keep everyone happy. We have an industrial park over on Silver Street that never has been developed."

**McNamara:** "At this time, I have not received anything from the Planning Board or any other department on the Solitario proposal. I cannot comment until I have received the facts."

No, I would not be in favor of any gaming proposals coming into Agawam. I have already voted against the race track."

I have not seen anything on the Beltrandi proposal yet. Under the law, the Planning Board does not have control over zone changes once zone change is granted. Even if covenants are given by the developer, it still does not bind him legally. Only think I can say about imposing site controls over the developer is that right now we can't. There

is a new set of zoning regulations issued by the state but I have not seen them yet."

**Fieldstad:** "No, I am not in favor of the Solitario proposal. My philosophy is that if the town of Agawam is going to get the town into order, all building would have to stop right now. I would take us ten years as is to catch up. Water and sewer, fire protection and traffic problems are growing so fast that we have not had a chance to catch up. I don't want any large scale development until we can give all the people proper sewerage."

I am not in favor of any gaming proposals coming into Agawam. Gambling as gambling goes is not conducive to bringing up children. Nothing can be gained from that kind of revenue. Its not good for the family atmosphere."

I am not in favor of Beltrandi for a lot of reasons. I question if he will build what he says. Even Beltrandi bringing in the type of industry he says will come in I question. Its a longshot. Here again, we will be ending up spending money for sewers, and water without taking care of people who have been waiting for a long, long time. Right now, he has just 60 acres for sewers and water. Who will pick up the tab for the rest of the acres? As for controls of the Planning Board, I just don't about that."

**DeForge:** "On the Solitario project, I will wait and listen to all the facts before making my final decision."

I voted against the race track when it was originally proposed two years ago and I would do the same thing tomorrow morning."

I will wait and see what comes out at the public hearing on Beltrandi before I make a final determination. On how I would feel if strict controls were placed on him, I'd probably be in favor. But legally I don't think we can do it if its properly zoned. I am open to any suggestions or new ideas on zoning changes that would be beneficial to both the town and the developer."

**Bartnik:** "I don't know at this point how I will decide on the Solitario project because I have not seen a proposal yet. I will get my first real look at our public hearing."

I was completely opposed to the race track and certainly would not want something like this coming into town."

All the details on the Beltrandi project have not been presented to me. I'm hoping for more information coming out by the time our public hearing rolls in. On site control, I would certainly give the proposal serious consideration, depending upon the controls and if they are legally binding. It has to be specific on how binding the controls are."

**Question: Were you in favor of the Bonavita Shopping Mall proposal?**

**Herd:** "I was opposed to this, because of the effects upon the abutters and the housing around that area. I think that there was and still are water problems out there. I get worried about retention ponds and basing plans around that. Retention ponds can turn into lakes. What would be the overall effects on the people downstream also bothered me. I would have increased traffic, but I have to say the road there was not as bad as the Beltrandi area."

**Cincotta:** "I was not opposed to the concept of the shopping mall but basically, I was opposed to it because the people that moved into that area were led to believe it would be used strictly for housing and nothing else, and they firmly believed that. It wasn't handled properly. All these homes were put in, then the residents were told a shopping center was being placed in the middle of it."

**Laduzenski:** "I was most worried at the time about municipal supportive services and the other shopping mall across the street from where the Bonavita shopping mall was being proposed."

**McNamara:** "I voted against the Bonavita shopping proposal. He didn't ask the Council to vote on his shopping center but the zone change. Once he received the zone change he would not have necessarily had to put in a shopping center, plus no plan was submitted to the Planning Board."

**Fieldstad:** "I opposed Mr. Bonavita's shopping center proposal. It was directly across the street from another shopping mall. It would be built in the middle of a swamp. When the developer sold land to people in that area, they were told it would be a housing project, not a shopping mall. I was most concerned about retention ponds and how that area would handle the increase in cars."

**DeForge:** "I abstained from voting on the Bonavita shopping mall. I wanted to ask one of the proponents in the project if they had been involved in any other type of shopping malls and how successful was it, and the hearing had been closed before I could. I would say that before I voted on something like that, there would have to be some tied down leases from reputable business concerns. This would be a plus anytime someone is trying to get a zone change. It would be an asset to the community to do so and also a selling point."

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**Bartnik:** "I was opposed to the Shopping Mall for two reasons: first, the houses right in that area and secondly across the street from the developers proposed mall, is to my understanding, another mall that is struggling for business. I can't see why we should take business away from the existing mall. I'm not against competition but if there's not enough business already, why create a further hardship on what we have?"

**Question:** What would you do to start a tax base immediately?

**Herd:** "I would like to see the industrial tract we have on Silver Street developed with light industry. I think that is the best area for it. I would like to see small industry and business come in that are not heavy polluters and pay good taxes. Industry does not belong in a residential area. There is a need for a lot of cooperation by the people who own the property in that industrial tract to expand it and also, the town has to do whatever it can to help out."

**Cincotta:** "I think the fastest way to increase the tax base is to develop the industrial tract off Silver Street. Getting additional business in is always beneficial to the tax base and if we can do it, it's better for Agawam."

**Laduzenski:** "I know the manager has been trying to attract small industry into town. I know we can't attract business away from Connecticut and Vermont and New Hampshire because of their lower taxes. But we have to entice businesses in. We should form some sort of pilot group and look into the feasibility of attracting people into the Silver Street area."

**McNamara:** "There is a darn good industrial park on Industrial Lane that the town spent thousands and thousands of dollars on. We have a place for industry and we should be doing all we can to entice business into it."

should be doing all we can do to entice business into it. We have also re-zoned some land for commercial use on the old Cleary property which should be looked into. This was in conjunction with the Master Plan.

**Fieldstad:** "I think what we ought to be doing is looking at the industrial land we have never used, that is zoned for industrial use and ready for small industry to come into. There was an industrial commission appointed long ago that has done nothing. We could set up an industrial park around the airport, there are dollars from the state available to improve the airport which is not properly zoned. We should be spending a few dollars out there and stop reacting to everyone's proposal. We have too many apartment developments which are not owned by original owners. Within a few years, everyone sells their places. If these developments were such a great thing for the Town, why don't the developers keep them? Solitario has not paid his back taxes. He owes the town money. If he is such a great businessman, why did he lose Corey Colonial?"

**DeForge:** "We have to take into consideration that we have acres and acres of industrial property that doesn't seem to move. Is it because of a lack of a railroad site, too high taxes or is it because not enough money has been put into the Industrial Commission? Bowles airport is one of the best sites in Western Mass for industrial growth. The land is level and the airport is right there. We have this zoned property available now, why hasn't it moved?"

**Bartnik:** "At this time, I couldn't elaborate on this. We could not do it immediately, it would take careful planning and consideration."

**Question:** If the Town Council does not accept the two proposals, what do you propose to be done with the land?

**Herd:** "I would not mind if the area was turned into a residential area. But this would be done in the long run. It would be a slow development of that area and perhaps, equal industrial growth taking place on Silver Street at the same time. This would stabilize the tax rate. I don't want houses overnight and don't like threats that this will happen. And if we don't have to do anything with it, keep it as open land."

**Cincotta:** "What happens at that point could get some direction from the Council who could suggest what should be put up in these parcels. But as long as the developer stays within the zoning by-laws, he can do what he wants."

**Laduzenski:** "As I mentioned before, we need a carefully developed long range planning formula to ensure that this land and its use is benefitting the town. I don't want us

rushing into anything."

**McNamara:** "Whatever is done with that land I hope we use the Master Plan as a guide. I am most concerned with the effects of developments have on the town. We should carefully consider our options and then go with what is best for the town."

**Fieldstad:** "Personally, I would like to see the Planning Board suggest an ordinance to take residence out of agricultural zoning. Some of that land is perfectly good farmland and to a point, it can be planted. The rest of it is open land and we can always do things with it. Its pretty difficult to say what our alternative is. Something like that has to be carefully considered. But the farmland is very important."

**DeForge:** "I believe that whatever is done with the land should be done over a long range period if the proposals do not get through the council. Its important to the entire town that we plan properly."

**Bartnik:** "If the land is not zoned for business or condominiums, it could be used for homes in a carefully planned process. Maybe leaving it as just fields at this point would not be such a bad idea."

## Beltrandi Receives Split Decision From Planning Board

A deadlocked vote by the Planning Board on the business-industrial park proposed by local developer John Beltrandi will find the Town Council being issued separate recommendations from town planners on the controversial proposal.

The stalemate occurred at the board's April 9th meeting. Chairman Ronald Huot and Robert Bergin voted against the proposal while Harold Ellis and Louis Chickette voiced their approval for the zone change. Charles Calabrese, who would have been the fifth and deciding vote had earlier indicated that he would abstain from the balloting because of business links with Beltrandi.

Following the vote, Ellis told the board that he will be submitting a favorable recommendation report to the Town Council based on what he considers the excellent opportunities the project will offer the town on an economic basis.

"This business park is unique and will be good for

the town," Ellis said. Chickette said the business park would provide Agawam not only with a vastly stabilized tax base but also keep the money flow within the town.

"I think the time has come for the town of Agawam to form a competitive business base. Too many of our residents are shopping outside the town and this is not good," Chickette commented.

Huot said Beltrandi and partner Leon Charkoudian should wait until the Route 57 extension is built before attempting to entice large scale business into the tract. Route 57 will dissect the land into parcels of approximately 180 acres in the northern section and 50 in the southern portion of the park. According to Huot, the traffic problems in the Feeding Hills area would be greatly increased by the park until Route 57 is completed.

"The developer should wait until 57 is built. Right now, we don't even know if it will be finished or not. Without this

road, the traffic would be incredible in the Feeding Hills area," Huot said.

Bergin commented, "without the completion of the 57 bypass, this business park is a fantasy."

At the meeting, Beltrandi said the traffic increase in the Feeding Hills area would be gradual because the project's completion is "ten years down the road." Huot told board members it would be to the developers advantage if they developed the 60 acres that has been slated for a medical, retail and financial centers now, and wait until a later date to commence requesting a zone change for the entire 255 acres. The 60 acres, which are located in the tract's northern sector, do not need any water or sewer services from the town.

Bergin called upon the Master Plan to cite the impact the proposed complex would have on the town. "The Master Plan also cites that people in this community are not receptive to this kind of commercial venture and that

it is also not feasible for the town," Bergin related.

Ellis presented a report from Tobacco Farms Realty, a firm which attempted to install condominiums on a portion of this parcel a few years ago. Ellis said the study indicated that the area was conducive to a residential complex if it was properly planned around the wetlands and ponds found on the tract.

Huot read a letter from Brown, Donald and Donald, the consulting firm that formulated the town's Master Plan at a price of approximately \$50,000. The letter agreed with Bergin's statement that Agawam is not well suited for this type of project.

The Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission has also come out against allowing the zone change to go through at the April 5th hearing. According to Ellis, that group has not been acting in the best interests of Agawam recently.

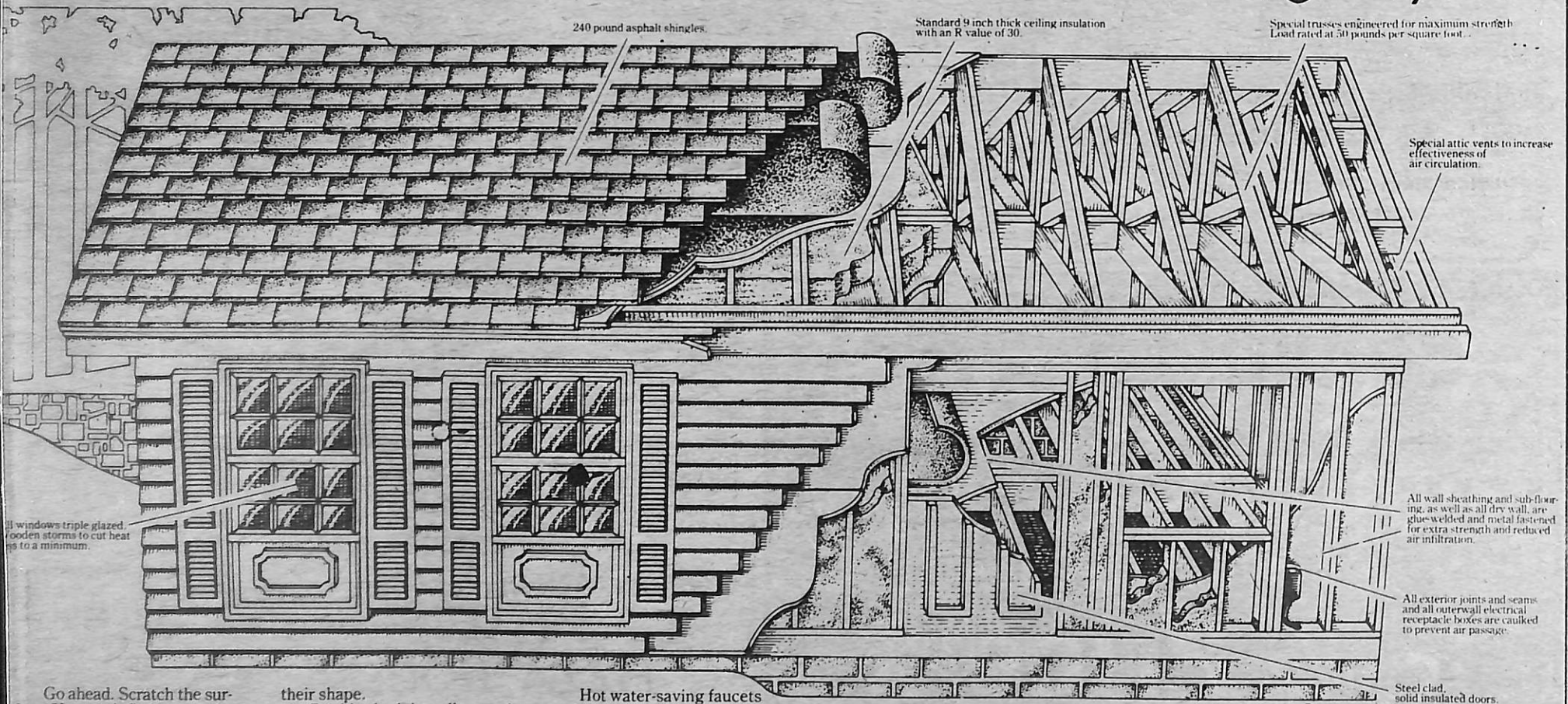
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## Foote-Lessner Wed

On April 14, 1979, the marriage of Faye M. Foote, daughter of Mrs. Alton R. Foote of Agawam, to Mark K. Lessner, son of Mrs. Bernice Lessner of Agawam, took place at the Agawam Congregational Church. Pastor of the church, Rev. Floyd Bryan, and Rabbi Samuel Umen presided.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother Carl. Miss Dottie Foote, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor, and Gary Lessner, brother of the groom, acted as

best man.

A reception at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield, followed the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Classical High School and of Westfield State College. She is a teacher in the Palmer School System.

The groom is a graduate of Andrew Warde High School, Fairfield, Connecticut, and of Guildford College, Greensboro, North Carolina. He is an account executive for WITS radio in Boston.

## May Day Dinner Set

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold its annual May Day Dinner on May 3rd at the church social room at 745 Main Street. There will be two sittings, one at 5 and the other at 6:15 p.m.

Featured on the menu will be baked shad, chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas, cabbage salad, rolls, coffee, tea, or milk and lemon delight.

Children under 12 will be admitted at a reduced price. accepting reservations are Mrs. Mary Knapik, apt. 5, 886 Main Street, and Mrs. Betty Brown, 662 Main Street. Reservations close May 1st.

## Robinson Carnival Planned

The Robinson Park School PTO will once again this year sponsor its annual Family Fun Carnival on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school.

There will be many penny-carnival type games to play and popcorn and cold drinks will be available all day. By special request, luncheon grinders and sandwiches will also be available from 11 to 1 o'clock.

In addition to the fun-filled games, a booth featuring good secondhand books, both children's and paperbacks, will be set up that day. A very small price will be asked for these books in an attempt to encourage both students and adults to read more.

Be sure to set the date of May 5th aside on your calendars so as not to miss this very exciting event.

## Juniors Plan Installation Banquet

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its annual meeting at the Storowton Tavern in West Springfield on April 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Diana Willard will conduct her final business meeting as president of the organization and will then pass on her gavel to incoming president, Mrs. Barbara O'Connor.

Serving Mrs. Willard for the 1978-79 season were Mrs. O'Connor, 1st vice president; Mrs. Paula Huber, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Alexis Ferioli, recording secretary; Mrs. Carolyn Chmielecki, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Judi Lech, treasurer; Mrs. Joanne Brown, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Terry Brettman, Mrs. Rita Bluteau, Mrs. Joann Maneri, and Mrs. Aprille Soderman, directors.

The installation of the incoming Executive Board members will also take place at this annual meeting.

## Parents Without Partners Meeting

Parents Without Partners Chapter 990 will hold an informal open meeting for the purpose of reorganization and revitalization on Monday, April 23, at 8:00 at the Brass Rail restaurant, Point Grove Road, Southwick. The meeting is open to all single parents residing in the area west of the Connecticut River.

Parents Without Partners is an international, non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization devoted to the interests of single parents and their children.

Anyone who is the parent of at least one living child and single, whether divorced, widowed, or never married, is eligible. Custody of the child is not a factor.

For directions to the Brass Rail or for further information, call Joanne Boulay at 786-5351 or Cil Long at 357-6184.

## Birthday Celebration To Honor Rev. Dunn

A birthday party will be held for Rev. Frank E. Dunn on Saturday, April 21, at 8 p.m. in the hall of the new building on the grounds of Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. The public is cordially invited to attend.

There will be dining, singing, talk, and refreshments. It promises to be a gala occasion, and the Church Committee hopes that many of Rev. Dunn's friends will pay their respects to him on his 78th birthday.

This will also mark the completion of Rev. Dunn's thirty-second year of residence in Agawam, during which time he has been active in town affairs, in the religious life of our community, and in extensive building operations for Valley Community Church. The building operations include a new church building, a substantial complex at Eastern States Exposition, and, more recently, one of the largest day care units in New England.

Now, Valley Community

Church folk are preparing themselves to complete the Chapel of the States, already enthusiastically supported by almost all fifty governors. Flags, wood, and stone materials as well as letters have been sent by the chief executives as part of the chapel's altar.

Rev. Dunn recently returned from Washington where he testified at the request of Senator Kennedy before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the Community Mobilization Plan as a solution to urban problems in the nation. He received assurances of support and cooperation from the Senate as to the American Institute of Religion overseeing the testing of its plan and program in a dozen cities during fiscal 1979-80.

Rev. Dunn is a native of Toledo, Ohio, was educated at Boston University and Harvard Divinity School, came to Agawam in 1947, and is the first pastor of Valley Community Church.



Kathi Lockwood LeDuc, left of Southwick, a Weight Watchers clerk for more than five years, receives her award from Betty Dunn, area coordinator. Kathi has lost 30 pounds on the program.

## Southwick Woman Honored by Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers Inc., with headquarters in Pomfret Center, Connecticut, as a special sign of its appreciation has given awards to 48 lecturers, clerks, and office personnel who have been with the company for five years.

Kathi Lockwood LeDuc of Southwick, a Weight Watchers clerk for more than five years, was one of the 48

people who received awards. Kathi has lost 30 pounds on the program.

"All our lecturers and clerks must be a goal weight or below," explained Nellie Tamler, who is head of Weight Watchers in Western Massachusetts and Eastern Connecticut. "They must practice what they preach and they do. I think that this is one of the reasons for our success in helping overweight people to get on a program that not only includes healthy foods, but the support needed to stick to their resolution."

Each one of those honored was given an inscribed gold pen.

## 4-H Plans Paper Drive

The 4-H Fair Association of Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, is planning a paper drive for the week of April 15 through 21 to raise money for 4-H activities. Call Mike Demko at 786-7598 for pick-up of papers or drop them off at 1186 Main Street, Agawam.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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April 23, 1979  
Agawam Women's Club  
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Springfield Turnverein  
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April 27, 1979  
Western Mass Heart  
Association Record Hop  
Silver Carriage Inn  
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

May 3, 1979  
Ladies Aid Society  
May Day Dinner  
Agawam Congregational  
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## Banquet Will Honor Laura Coppola

In conjunction with Secretaries Week, April 22-28, Springfield Chapter, The national Secretaries Association (International) will hold its annual Secretaries Day Banquet on Wednesday, April 25, at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Social hour will be at 6 p.m. with dinner to be served at 7 p.m.

A highlight of the evening will be the introduction of Springfield Chapter's Secretary of the Year, Mrs. Thomas Coppola. A resident of Agawam, Mrs. Coppola serves as secretary to G. Barton Griffin, CLU, Regional Vice President, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

She has served on various committees for Springfield Chapter activities and is currently vice president

Laura Coppola will compete with other SOTY candidates from New England for the title of Division Secretary of the Year on Saturday, April 28, in Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

She is a member of the Italian Women's Club, the Women's Division of the Dante Club, and is presently second vice president of the United Italian American Clubs and Societies.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Ms. S. Alberta Stutsman, retired associate director of advertising at Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Company, who will speak on "The Wonderful World of the Unexpected - Let's Gamble on It!"

Reservations for this banquet should be made with Mrs. Violet L. Vester, CPS, at Mass. Mutual and the deadline is April 18.

## Pinewood Derby Winners

Pack 77 of Agawam held their Pinewood Derby recently with 60 cars entered in competition. Three trophies were awarded.

First place went to Philip Borrello; second, to Daniel Bolduc; and third, to Thomas DeNardo.

First and second place winners then competed at St. Thomas of West Springfield on a district level.

## Knox Trail Banquet Slated

The annual Knox Trail District Recognition Banquet will be held April 25 at the Squires Restaurant, 15 King Street, Agawam. Social hour is at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. Admission is \$5 per person.

The banquet is held to recognize those Scouters in the Knox Trail District who by their actions have demonstrated their exceptional devotion to Cub, Scout, and Explorer programs.

All adult scouters, their spouses and friends are invited. For reservations, please contact Boy Scouts of America, Knox Trail District Banquet Committee, 1639 Riverdale Street, West Springfield or telephone 737-0204.

## Rainbow Girls Celebrate Anniversary

West Springfield Assembly No. 79, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Friday evening, April 27, at the Masonic Temple, West Springfield.

Miss Aimee Smith, Worthy Advisor, and Mrs. Marilyn Talbot, Mother Advisor, cordially invite all present and past Rainbow Girls to attend. A special invitation is extended to all Charter Members, past Worthy Advisors, Majority Girls, and

Designates of the Grand Cross of Color.

A roast beef dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. following a social hour set for 5:30.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. Elsie Blanchard, 737-0116, or Mrs. Betty Bowne, 786-4219, before April 20. Remittance of \$6.50 must accompany reservation.

A reception and entertainment will be held at 8 p.m. in the Assembly Room

## Women's Club Slates Banquet

The Agawam Women's Club will hold its annual banquet on Monday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

The Wilbraham Women's Club Chorale will entertain. Following the annual meeting there will be an installation of officers for the 1979-80 season. Mrs. Donald Goss Sr. is in charge of decorations. Mrs. Ursula O'Neil may be contacted for reservations and guests are welcome.

## Oldies Dance Slated

The Southwick Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will be holding an "Oldies But Goodies" dance on Saturday, April 21, from 8 p.m. till 1 a.m. at the Polish American Club, Southwick Street (Route 57) Feeding Hills.

Disc jockey Dick Boyle will be playing favorite records, and tickets at \$3 each may be purchased in advance by calling Mrs. Terry Hanley at 569-5836 or Mrs. Melanie Charbonneau at 569-5495.

## Troop 75 Paper Drive

Boy Scout Troop 75 of Feeding Hills will hold a paper drive on Saturday, April 28. Papers may be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church parking lot.

## Antiques Course Registration Set

Registration is under way for an 8-week antiques course sponsored by the South Hadley Child Care Center.

The classes will be taught by Patrick Darr, Granby antiques appraiser and dealer, and will be held at the All Saints Church Parish House, 5 Woodbridge Street, South Hadley. Classes will be conducted every Thursday evening from April 19 through June 7 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Interested individuals may register for the course or learn more about it by calling the

Child Care Center at 533-9819. Registrations will also be accepted at the first class meeting, provided class space is remaining. Class size is limited to 35.

Each week the instructor will consider a different type of antique, and class members will be encouraged to bring in their own pieces for class consideration.

Cost for the 8-week course is \$30, and all proceeds will benefit the Child Care Center, a United Way member agency.

## Colorguard Forming

Girls between the ages of 10 and 21 are welcome to join a new colorguard unit being formed in the Springfield area. Please call 786-3147 for more details. No experience is necessary.

## Childbirth Classes Offered

Registration is now in progress for preparation for childbirth day classes. Each class meets once a week for seven weeks and are for any expectant parents who will be delivering at any of our local hospitals.

Classes are taught by certified instructors and include films, hospital tour, exercises and training for labor and delivery.

For registration and information in either day or evening classes, call the Childbirth Education Association at 533-1004.

## Phelps P.T.O. Meets

Theodore J. Tudryn, perceptual-motor development teacher at several Agawam elementary schools, will be speaking at the Benjamin Phelps PTO meeting on April 25. His talk will include the methods, goals, and activities that are presented in the motor development program.

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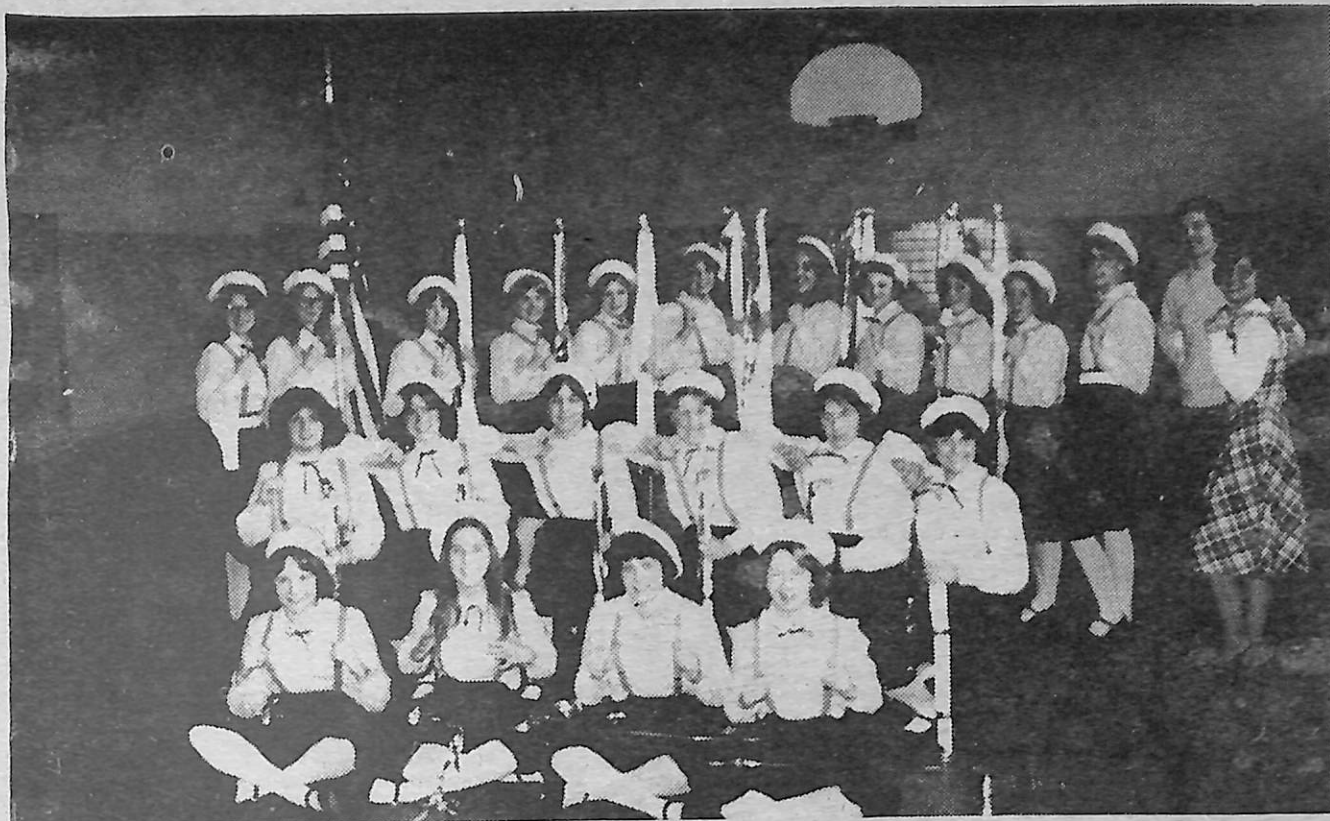
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The Agawam "Horizon" Color Guard is pictured above: Front row, left to right: Donna Quелlette, Patty Graves, Leslie Delisle, and Sharon Stefanik. Second row: Anna Mercandante, Kathy Raimondi, Ann Napoli, Patty Smith, Marsha Besette and Marie LaFrancis. Back row: Carol Doucette, Jeanette Perusse, Karen Duggan, Debbie Macey, Debbie Whittle, Karen Nascembeni, Dina Gatti, Lynn Rossi, Laurie Olson, Pam Viens, Mary Steele, Frank Tully and Debbie Tully. Guard captains are: Leslie Delisle, Ann Napoli and Karen Nascembeni. Instructors are Debbie and Frank Tully.

## Color Guard Places First

Agawam High School "Horizon" Color Guard takes first place trophy in competition at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, Sunday, April 8.

After five weeks of competition the Agawam "Horizon" has moved from 8th position in the Colonial Color Guard Circuit (which includes color guards from three states - Mass., Conn. and Maine) to the top spot in the B Division. The group of twenty-one girls were selected from the full 50 member color guard to form a competing guard for the Winter Circuit. Consistent hard effort since the first week-end in January under the expert instruction of Debbie and Frank Tully (University of Mass. seniors with many years of color

guard and marching experience in the Eastern Mass. area) have produced a winning combination and the many hours of Saturday practice and week-end competition seem well worth the time as they have moved up toward the winners circle during March and April.

Competition among the top groups is quite close and any drop in performance level is noticed by the judges with corresponding scores that may change a groups position from contest to contest. On Saturday evening at Cathedral High School the Agawam girls came in third with groups from Conn. and Maine taking top honors; while Sundays contest at Chicopee saw them gaining their first winning trophy. They will participate in two

more contests before the final Circuit Championship contest in Milford, Conn. on April 28, and the scramble for the number one position gets more intense as the season draws to a close.

As a first year guard in this type of competition Agawam's hopes have become a reality in gaining recognition as one of the top competing guards in the circuit. The full Color Guard in the past has always received much acclaim for their colorful appearance and added a great deal to the bands outdoor performances but they have not had to compete under the intense and precise conditions of the Color Guard Circuit activity.

## Pack 75 Bake Sale

The cub scouts sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will hold a Bake Sale on April 21 at the Agawam Food Mart. The sale is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. This is their first bake sale and they are hoping the citizens of Agawam will support their project and buy desserts.

## 'Burnout Syndrome' Workshop

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden and Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Easthampton are co-sponsoring a workshop for professionals who work with people-related jobs. A four-hour workshop on the *Burnout Syndrome* is scheduled for Monday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arcadia, in Easthampton.

*Burnout* is a term used to describe the chronic physical and emotional exhaustion that often happens to people working in the social services.

*Burnout* happens when the demands of the job exceed the resources of the employee. It is most prevalent in alternative human service organizations involved with social change.

There is a registration fee of \$10.00 per person. For more information call Arcadia at 584-3009.

## String Jamboree Scheduled

On Saturday, April 28, twenty-three string players in grades 5, 6, and 7 from the Agawam schools will participate in the ninth annual Western District String Jamboree, to be held this year at Wilbraham Junior High School on Stony Hill Road.

The jamboree will feature two large orchestras divided into intermediate and advanced levels made up of about 200 young string players from the Western Massachusetts area.

Kenneth Hanson from the Chelmsford, Mass., school system, who originally organized the jamboree, and James Orent of the Springfield Symphony are the invited conductors. Frederick Kerr, music supervisor from the Springfield school system and past conductor of Jamboree orchestras, has composed a piece especially

for this event. The concert that will be open to the general public will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Agawam children have been preparing for this event under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Hegarty. The students are Cindy Slate from Granger School; Catherine Landry, Ali Kitchell from Phelps; Kim Downing, Candice Cripps, Tanya Daigneau from Clark; Patricia Melloni, Richard Rogers, Donald LePage from Robinson Park; Thaisa Alechny, Carl Batchelder, Guy Jediny, Candice Frappier, Raymond Belder, Lisa Laudato, David Liptak, Nancy Frappier, Angela Christy, Darlene Vignato, Denise Welch, Jennifer Powell, Andrea Borsari, and Joanne Mason from the Middle School.

## Riverside Park Opening Soon

Riverside Park in Agawam begins its 1979 season on Saturday, May 12th, on a weekends only schedule. Daily operation will begin with Grand Opening Day on June 16 and will remain open for an extended season on September weekends.

Riverside hours have also been extended to 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 11 a.m. to midnight on Saturdays.

In keeping with tradition, Riverside will offer something for everyone in 1979. Three new shows have been added - the Captain Rivi Bird of Paradise Show, Crazy Bunch, and Goldie Locks and the Honey Bears, all produced by the world-famous Trotter Brothers. The Marionette Show, the Punch and Judy Puppet Show, and the Magical World of Captain Rivi are being brought back due to their popularity with

Riverside guests.

How would you like to drive home in a 1979 Z28 Camaro? Guests can try their skill at the new midway game "Winner's Circle." This new version of the dime pitch game will afford guests the opportunity to win prizes and be eligible to win the Camaro in an end-of-the-season drawing.

For thrills and excitement, other than the rides and shows in the park, NASCAR modified stock car and Figure 8 racing return to Saturday nights on Riverside Speedway's quarter-mile oval. Riverside's racing season also begins May 12 at 7:30 p.m. with a 50-lap feature as well as the Figure 8. Three demolition derbies are scheduled this season and racing will continue Saturday nights throughout September.

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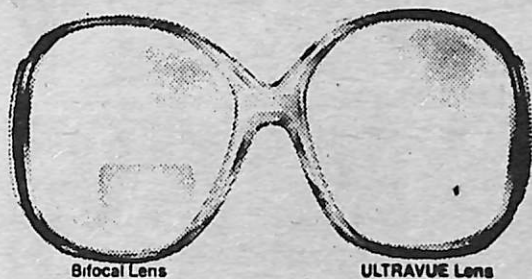
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## Sock It To Me!

by Rita White

I almost wish I could be about 6 months old again and could talk. My first sentence would be "sock it to me". I'd be talking about the most adorable tiny baby dolls made out of baby socks.

These sock babies are just one of the many creations of Shirley Emerson and Natalie Whitmarsh.

Shirley and Natalie are sisters hailing from Rhode Island originally. Shirley, a widow now, came to Agawam with her husband 40 years ago. She is currently the administrator of the Loomis House, a retirement home in Holyoke.

Natalie has lived here in Agawam for 20 years. She is retired after serving as secretary for the West Springfield Selectmen.

The sisters began their crafts about 5 years ago when they realized that retirement was fast approaching. They decided they had better find something to do with themselves other than "look at each other".

Well, look out world, because when these two sisters make up their minds to do something, it's a real knockout.

Their assortment of creations range from mobiles (featuring the sock babies), play aprons, dolls, Christmas and other wreaths made from strips of calico fabric and other holiday ornaments and more. But they are most well known for their sock babies.

The only craft show that Shirley and Natalie participate in is the Americana Craft Show held yearly here in Agawam at the Congregational Church. The reason they don't do

more of the craft show circuit is that the shows all take place during their busiest season. Their creations can be found in gift shops around the east, from right here in Agawam at the Mouse House to New Haven, the Cape and even as far as Broadway. The sisters only place their items in one gift shop in a town and are sold under the name "Wee Too".

Shirley and Natalie, like many craftspeople are concerned for the world of crafts and they both serve on the craft advisory committee at Storowtown Village.

Carnival people are known to have a universal cry for help. Let one of them be in trouble and cry "Hey Rube!", and all carny people in the area are immediately on the spot to help.

Craftspeople seem to have a universal word that just about sums up craftspeople, and that word is commarade. They seem to be a group of people with one common purpose: the good of all craftspeople. They don't seem to have words like competitors or rivals in their vocabularies. They are quick to tell each other of possible outlets for their merchandise, upcoming craft shows, and places to find their various supplies.

Craftspeople have more than their own individual talents to be proud of. They can be proud of each other.

Shirley Emerson and Natalie Whitmarsh fit the craftspeople pattern to a tee. Best wishes for a successful season Shirley and Natalie, and continue to "sock it to 'em!"

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ask Board of Appeals member Jerry Zerra for his interpretation of what restrictions the appeals body can place on the developer if he decides to appear before that committee.

Councilor McNamara said that, "this is a closed meeting and he (Mr. Calabrese) cannot ask any questions (of Mr. Zerra)." After a few moments of discussion, Mr. Calabrese told the audience that the Planning Board "has the right to ask anyone here information that is pertinent to our vote." Zerra, however, refused to comment on the questions asked by Calabrese. Zerra has already come under fire for supporting the Solitario project at the March 29th public hearing conducted by the Planning Board, and one source told the Advertiser/News that Mr. Zerra would not be allowed to sit on any discussion of the Solitario project if and when it comes before the appeals board.

### Special Permits or Relief

Bergin said the appeals board can only issue special permits or create a relief from a zoning ordinance if adherence by the developer to the A-3 zone puts a hardship on the land.

"The appeals board cannot make it more restrictive on the developer than what is on the books. We just cannot look to the Board of Appeals to put restrictions that are not on the books either," Bergin maintained.

According to Donald Conway, Solitario's attorney, the Board of Appeals has tremendous discretion as long as the conditions set allow a variance. "They have a high degree of control within reason," Conway told board members.

Ellis pointed out that the Planning Board can refuse to sign Solitario's site plan, and it could take up to 18 months before Solitario could be granted a court order by a judge to force the planners to put the three signatures needed on the site plan. Conway concurred with Ellis' statement.

Bergin said that the Planning Board's credibility will come under considerable question because the vote has been altered.

### Elected Official

If I was an elected official I would not be willing to use thatndation as the reason to vote for the zone change. For the vote to swing from 4-1 against one day then in a period of four days to 3-2 in favor, how much stalk can

you put into that?" Bergin told the Advertiser/News.

Bergin said that the town's Master Plan would not be followed if such a large scale condominium project was installed on the 85 acre parcel. At the April 9th meeting when the original vote was cast, Huot said that the town now has 50% vacancy in all existing multi-dwelling units in Agawam. Bergin added

that he cannot condone the installation of such a massive complex, adding, "the Master Plan is right on this matter. I don't want to concentrate such a thick density of housing in one area of Agawam." Presently, there are 656 apartment-condominium dwellings in Agawam, according to figures provided by Huot.



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# Editorials

## Cocktails and Epitaphs

by Rita White

I wonder when "drinking" became a status symbol and such an important part of our daily lives.

The new Massachusetts legislation which went into effect this week to forbid the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 20 is already coming under much criticism. I think it is a sad commentary on today's system that the loss in sales is expected to be so great as to make a difference to the seller.

There is talk of the lounge and bar operators trying to get the legislation reversed. I wonder how many of them are parents. Obviously not enough of them, or if they are, then being a parent doesn't carry the sense of responsibility for them it should.

The young people who have lost the privilege of buying alcoholic beverages have no one to blame but themselves for their loss. They abused the privilege by supplying these beverages to the young teen-agers.

Of course the problem isn't over. With adjoining states still selling to young people, our worries continue.

Perhaps it's time for Federal legislation to limit these sales on a nationwide level. If someone were selling guns to teen-agers, we'd be quick to try and do something about it. Alcohol has been just as deadly to many of teen-agers, both on our highways and in the growing number of teen-age alcoholics.

As parents and concerned citizens, we owe it to our children, ourselves and our communities to make certain this legislation (though only a beginning), is upheld and enforced and to join forces to prevent the lounge and bar owners and the package store owners from capitalizing at the cost of our children's lives.



## LETTERS

### TO THE EDITOR

#### To the Editor:

In response to the irresponsible letter from Leonard "Skip" Rising, Jr. in your last edition pertaining to the "lack" of need for more personnel for the Agawam Police Department.

I really cannot visualize how any member of the Department could make such a statement! Perhaps Officer Rising has been out of touch with what is really going on in town! Officer Rising has been Court Officer and in charge of planning for the ambulance for the past four or five years. I believe Rising is perhaps bitter because he is back in uniform and doesn't have anything to do with the ambulance anymore.

Officer Rising suggests that the town wasted \$20,000 training police personnel as EMT's. He didn't seem to mind the town's waste when he was collecting most of that money as his fee for being their EMT instructor!

The Police Department still has a number of EMT's who are available for emergency calls. Citizens of Agawam, don't let his letter suggest that we will not answer emergency calls - we've always been the first to render aid and we will continue to do so.

Officer Rising suggests that political games are being played and that we really don't need any more police officers. I have to disagree. I'm a patrolman on the 1 to 9 shift and the number of men we have to try to do the job is pathetic.

We have a population of approximately 28,000 - 30,000 people in 28 square miles and approximately 35 police officers. West Springfield, right across the river has the same approximate area and fewer people and a police department that numbers 80-85. It doesn't appear to me that Agawam is exactly over-staffed with Police personnel!

Donald E. Lonetto  
Training Officer  
Agawam Police Dept.

#### To the Editor:

The Country Squire Furniture Shop has moved to bid on two furnishing contracts for the Town of Agawam during the last twenty-one years.

Our first effort was during 1976 and 1977 when a committee for a town project had intent and funds to purchase \$16,000 of tables and chairs. Every effort was made to bid for the contract, but there was never an invitation to bid. The committee instead decided to purchase with eight different purchase orders and thereby avoid the state law that demands bidding for purchases over \$2,000.

During the first four months of 1978, I communicated verbally and in writing with Architect Casella and Library Committee Chairman Paul Fieldstad to seek an opportunity to bid for the furnishing contract for the Cooper Street library. I received a phone call from Mr. Casella's associate during May, 1978, to inquire as to whether I would have a bid ready four business days later. This was my first notice that specifications were available. When I went to obtain a set of bid specifications, the architect's associate told me that Mr. Topulas of Easthampton Furniture Company had prepared the specifications.

The Country Squire did not bid on the office furniture or bookshelves, but did bid for seating pieces and occasional tables that were all readily available from established sources. Our bid was in the amount of \$9,254.40 and the total awarded contracts were in the amount of \$62,424.64. This firm, therefore, bid on less than 15% of the total amount of furnishings purchased.

We were not awarded contract for any amount of our bid. The Country Squire had bid at cost because I felt it did not matter because our bid would not receive fair consideration. Easthampton Furniture bid and received

74% of the contract (\$46,143) and Broadway Office bid and received 24% of the contract (\$15,071).

On July 19, 1978, I received a phone call from Richard Borgatti of the Library Building Committee. Mr. Borgatti was very critical of the procedures I used in my effort to bid for part of the furnishings contract. He further made comments in that conversation that left me to suspect that he did not understand the funding provisions of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. I then entered into written communication with the Commerce Dept. and discovered that Mr. Borgatti was totally misinformed. I feel his views of funding procedures would lead him and other involved parties to spend public funds in less than a prudent manner.

The incidents I have described led me to question the procedures being followed and the activities of the Library Building Committee. During 1978 I pursued this matter as an individual citizen and in recent months, as a member of the Agawam Business Association.

I have written this letter to answer intimations by Building Committee Chairman Fieldstad that might lead the public to believe the Country Squire or the writer have acted in this matter out of sour grapes. I hope I have learned the lessons of business well enough to be quite grateful that I was not awarded a contract to lose money.

I am not able to see circumstances in the future that would ever encourage me to respond to an Agawam bid invitation. This is upsetting to me and the staff at Country Squire. I frankly feel I have every right to expect open and competitive purchase procedures from our government.

I want the people of Agawam to understand that my actions and efforts in matters of the Library Building Committee have been with a sense of duty, for I believe all citizens share a responsibility to insist on accountability from their government.

Sincerely,  
Arthur J. Leary Jr.  
President

Country Squire Furniture Shop

#### To the Editor:

Your editorial comment a few weeks ago addressed itself to the behavior of citizens who attend public meetings, and I'm wondering when you are planning to address your comments to the behavior of public officials who conduct public meetings.

It was not long ago that a citizen of this town went before the Council at "Citizens Speak Time" and was not only told the subject matter that would be acceptable, but was given a very minimum of time in which to present his remarks.

Citizens Speak time (the label differs depending on the form of government) is a constitutional right incorporated in every form of government established in this Commonwealth. But when public officials begin taking or limiting this privilege to any of its citizens, then we had better start taking a harder look at who they are and what they represent.

This citizen was not only verbally gagged, but he was physically removed from the Council Chambers at the direction of the president of the council. His appeal for at least one councilor to stand up and defend his right to speak under our Constitution fell on deaf ears. These

"champions of democracy" scattered from the scene, their oath of office to uphold the Constitution quaking from their silence. The prince (Theroux) was ruling out of fear; danger was upon him and they ran, slaves to his title.

What information did this citizen have that prompted such reckless behavior and silenced your presses when such a serious breach of democracy was blatantly displayed in the presence of a "free press."

D.J. Desmond

#### To the Editor:

I would like to respond to Officer Rising's letter which appeared in last week's Advertiser.

I once had a lot of respect for Officer Rising. I thought he really cared about the people in this town. I've admired his expertise on EMT and CPR training. I am shocked to see that this man is so bitter that he would strike out by writing such a detrimental letter that could put his fellow officers and the Town of Agawam in such jeopardy.

Agawam has a total population of about 28,000 people in an area of 28 square miles. On a 5-man shift, one man is responsible for 5,600 people and an area of 5.6 square miles. This seems to be a job for Superman, yet we expect an immediate response when we need a cop.

Riverside Park has approximately 9,000 people on any given race night. If a disturbance should break out and our 5 Super Cops are called on, I'd like to know who will be taking care of the rest of the town.

Have you ever had to go into a darkened bar to break up a drunken brawl? Our police have to, sometimes singlehandedly, not knowing when or if a back-up is on the way.

I could go on, however. I think you have the picture.

Yes, I know this is the job they have chosen, however, they are not Supermen. I pray each night God watches over them because we really expect a lot from our Super Cops.

We certainly do need more men; let's stop endangering our men. This administration has the responsibility to properly man our police department and insure protection for each and every person in this town. I know they are aware of the problems at hand. This present administration is a good one. If given a free hand to do their job, I know they will do what they feel is best for the growth of the town.

Like a child who will not learn to walk if everyone keeps tripping him, our town will not grow if people keep trampling the newly-planted crops.

Dorothy D. Nardi  
Feeding Hills

#### To the Editor:

Occasionally we say things that we are sorry for having said. This happens, we correct our statements or apologize for having said them. In either case, we should learn to be more cautious with future utterances. Sometimes our problems are compounded, as we make one of these regrettable statements in the news media. In such a case, the embarrassment is more intense, and the corrective measures more difficult to bring about. It is not always our own statements made by others in our name. I'm not saying that others use our own personal name, but from time to time members of civic, fraternal, and other

## From The Editors Desk

By Pat Guevin



A newspaper, especially a weekly newspaper such as the Advertiser/News, must compete with all other media as well as other newspapers for news, ad revenue and circulation. We at the Agawam Advertiser/News are well aware of this fact and plan our weekly activities accordingly. We do not mind competing, for we feel that we are equipped to compete with the best of them.

We are fortunate to have an exceedingly loyal readership. We are also fortunate to have loyal and steady advertisers. We appreciate all of the local support we receive, and we hope, in fact we know, that we are serving the community by bringing them a much needed product - lots of local news, told truthfully and plainly, on subjects as varied as the people in Agawam themselves.

As I said before, we do not mind the fact that we must compete - it keeps us on our toes. There are, however, some areas where competition simply does not enter into the picture. This week I am specifically talking about the placement of legal notices by the Town of Agawam.

We at the Advertiser/News are very much disturbed to see legal notices pertaining to the town of Agawam appearing in the Springfield papers. Why, we ask, when we are an acceptable publication in the eyes of the law, do those in charge of sending legal notices from Agawam's Town Hall pass us by? Why should a notice on a Planning Board or Town Council hearing be published in a Springfield paper and not in ours? We must question the prudence of this - especially in light of the fact that it would cost the town less to place the ad in our paper? Could it be that someone in Town Hall doesn't like us or the things we stand for??

I have hesitated in the past to write on this particular situation, hoping, I suppose, that we could clear it up. However, our phone calls to those supposedly in charge have been in vain on this issue, and I feel that it is time our loyal readers are apprised of the situation.

We ask no favors - we ask only what we feel we have a right to - equal consideration by town hall.

## Legal Notices Accepted

The Agawam Advertiser/News is a legally recognized publication for Legal Notices. Mr. John O'Brien, Registrar of Probate in Springfield and Hampden County has officially announced our acceptance by his office to publish Legal Notices for the Agawam/Feeding Hills and

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organizations, make statements on or about an issue, in the name of the organization to which they belong. If the statement is the true statement of the members position on the issue, then only procedures have been ignored and no harm done. However, if the statement is not reflective of the actual position of this organization, then corrective measures must be taken. Usually this requires at least one of the officers of the organization to correct the misleading statements.

The readers of last week's Advertiser/News, had the opportunity to see first hand, what I have just described. Mr. Leonard Rising, Jr., authored a letter to the Editor, stating his views concerning the issue of manpower for our Police Department. Mr. Rising, better known as 'Skip' Rising, is well known in the community, and is a police officer for the Town of Agawam. In his letter, he spoke out against the Chief of Police on the issue of manpower, indicating that we are not in need of additional personnel on our Department.

While Skip did not use my name, nor did he use the name of our organization, the Agawam Police Patrolmen's Association, the fact that Skip is so well known, and the fact

that he is a Police Officer might cause the readers to think that he is expressing the views of our members, as our spokesman.

As spokesman for, and President of the Agawam Police Patrolmen's Association, may I assure you that this is not so. Skip has never been authorized to make statements for our members on this or any other issue concerning our Department. I feel duty bound to bring this point to your attention because of the damage that might be done by Skip's unwarranted statements, and because I do not believe that Skip offered his true opinion on the subject.

It is a matter of public record that Skip was recently removed from the Court Officers position, as well as the Detective Bureau. It is also a matter of public record that Skip is facing departmental charges for alleged abuses in his sick time use. It is my opinion that these factors, rather than good sound judgement prompted Skip's letter to the Editor last week. I think it is time for Skip to reassess his position on this issue. He may find that one of my first three sentences applies to him.

Norman J. Nardi  
President,  
A.P.P.A.



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We must control immigration and emmigration by monitoring future development in town. Low income housing in the form of multi-family dwelling units will continuously be forced on us by state and federal level governments, for as long as legislation is controlled by urban politicians. We should reserve subsidized housing for Agawam residents only. However, discrimination laws will forbid us from doing so. We were very lucky with Pheasant Hill to be able to guarantee a minimum of the first 100 units for Agawam residents. Great, future proposals should have the same stipulation. If we can provide housing for growth from within the town by residents who have grown up here, and have learned to appreciate Agawam, and by extracting the finer elements from surrounding communities with the lure of high priced condominiums and housing it can direct us toward the establishment of a class community. This selfish attitude is contradictory to all principles of regional planning. Of course. Regional planning should be looking out for a group of cities and towns in respect to one another as opposed to Agawam's Planning Board should be looking out for Agawam's welfare, period. We should care less what effect the surrounding communities suffer as a result of selfish planning by Agawam. Survival is more important than compatibility.

Now, if we only had jobs available to keep our youth from leaving town. Why bother retaining or upgrading our already fine school system if we never reap its benefits? Would I.B.M. send a man to college to have him go to work for Digital? Current employment opportunities in Agawam, or for that matter all of Western Massachusetts, can not compete with areas like Eastern Massachusetts to deter the exodus of young skilled and professional residents from Agawam. A common trend in Agawam during the rapid growth period of the 50's and 60's saw a young out-of-town couple purchasing a home in Agawam, raising and educating their children here and sending them to college only to have them move elsewhere where the job market is more attractive. Soon this same couple will retire, sell their home to another young couple and the cycle repeats itself. A bedroom community. A rapid change from a history of providing for Springfield's dietary needs to presently providing for their population overflow.

Agawam should not allow our future to be planned by any outside agency concerned with the effect on surrounding communities. We should care less if Agawam does not allow 100 low-income families to move here. We should care less if Baystate West is 30% vacant. We must not allow Agawam to get raped in the future as we have been in the past for the benefit of surrounding communities.

Nor should we be influenced by short sighted activists who are willing to sacrifice their children's chances for economic survival for their own immediate concerns.

The Town Council must be very careful how the effect Agawam's future with the decisions they make now. Think not of how your vote will effect you in November or in a few years from now, but how it will effect the town in 30 or 40 years, or eternity.

The Town Council may be willing to deny profitable construction proposals now and retain Agawam as it is for their lifetime, and put up with increasing taxes, but your children will have to pay more and more and more for bad planning. If they even choose to live here.

Harold S. Ellis  
Planning Board

## Town Council Meeting

There will be a regular meeting of the Agawam Town Council at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, on Tuesday, April 17, at 8 p.m.

## School Committee

The Agawam School Committee will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 1979 for the purpose of discussing budget, at the office of the superintendent of schools. (Agawam Junior High), 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Ma. Time 7:00 P.M.

## Ordinance Sub-Committee Planning Board

The Ordinance Sub-Committee of the Agawam Town Council will meet on Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Cafeteria, Agawam Jr. High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

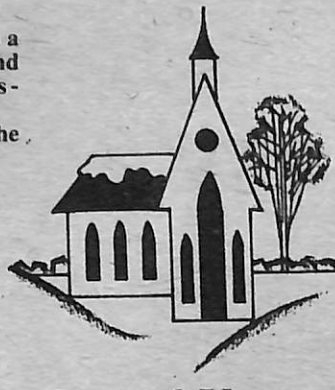
## Planning Board

The Agawam Planning Board will meet on Thursday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Administration Building Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

## Applications Being Accepted

In accordance with Article VIII of the Agreement between Agawam and AFSCME Local 1364 the office of the Town Manager is accepting applications, or requests for promotion to fill the vacancy of Library Assistant, Grade 15/Step 1 at \$147.70 per week, \$7,680.40 per year, within the Agawam Public Library System. Applications will be accepted until April 26, 1979.

Copies of the job description for the above position are available in the Town Manager's office.



## Attend the Services of Your Choice This Week

We will be running this column weekly to inform you of the hours of services at your house of worship. Activities at your parish hall will also be listed. If you would like to see other information about your church send them into this newspaper or contact your parish leader who is responsible for publicity. This information is furnished as a public service.

**AGAWAM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
760 Main Street  
Agawam - 786-7300  
Rev. Donald Morris

Sundays: Worship 9:30 a.m.; Jr. Church, 10:00 a.m.; Church School Classes, 10:30 a.m.; Jr. Hi BYF 3:30 p.m.; Sr. High BYF, 4:45 p.m.

**AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
745 Main Street, Agawam  
786-7111  
Rev. Floyd Bryan

Sundays: Church School grades 7-12, 9:15 a.m.; Church School crib - 6th grade, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m.; Jr. Pilgrim Fellowship, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday evenings at 7:30 - Prayer Group meeting

**AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH**  
459 Mill Street, Agawam  
786-4174 (church) 786-5278 (parsonage)  
Rev. Paul D. Woodbury, Jr.

Sunday Church Service 9:30 a.m. Church School 9:30 a.m.

**FEEDING HILLS BIBLE CHURCH**  
18 So. Westfield St., Feeding Hills  
786-1681

**FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21 No. Westfield St., Feeding Hills  
786-5061  
Rev. Wilbur Sadlier

Sundays: Service 10 a.m.; Church school 9:30 a.m.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH (Roman Catholic)**  
1059 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
786-3445  
Fr. Joseph Flood  
Fr. Paul Burns

Masses: Saturdays at 4 and 6 p.m.; Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (Roman Catholic)**  
Maple Street, Agawam  
786-3724  
Fr. Joseph Fellin

Masses: Saturdays at 4 and 6:30 p.m.; Sundays at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

**ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills  
786-9545  
Rev. Bruce Benshoff

Sundays: Services at 8 and 10 a.m., and at 5:30 p.m. Church school and nursery at 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study Group Sundays at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST (Roman Catholic)**  
843 Main Street, Agawam  
786-8105  
Fr. Karl Huller

Masses: Saturdays at 4 and 6:15 p.m.; Sundays at 7, 8, 9:15, 10:30, and 11:45 a.m.

**ST. THERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS (Roman Catholic)**  
74 Bridge Street, Agawam  
786-4451  
Fr. Robert R. Choquette

Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m.; Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m.

**VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
152 So. Westfield St., Feeding Hills  
786-3057  
Rev. Frank Dunn

Sunday services at 10 a.m.; Church school at 10 a.m.

## Spring Clean-Up Schedule

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to announce to the residents of Agawam that the annual Spring Clean-Up will be conducted April 30 through May 10. The Clean-Up collection will be on the same date as the regular bi-weekly rubbish collection.

The materials to be collected in the Spring Clean-Up should be placed on the treebelt separate and apart from the regular household rubbish, and different vehicles will be used for the two collections.

Materials to be collected in the Spring Clean-Up are solid wastes including, but not limited to, rubber tires, automobile parts, demolition waste, plumbing fixtures, furniture, mattresses, bedsprings, refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, metal pipes, and other bulky wastes.

Materials specifically EXCLUDED from this special collection are garbage, automobile chassis, bodies and motors, tree stumps, and branches.

Materials to be collected must be on the treebelt by 7 a.m. of the collection day. All small or loose items must be placed in plastic bags or in containers having a maximum capacity of 30 gallons.

The schedule for the collection is as follows:

April 30: Route 5  
May 1: Route 6  
May 2: Route 7  
May 3: Route 8  
May 7: Route 1  
May 8: Route 2  
May 9: Route 3  
May 10: Route 4

Below is a list of members of the Agawam Town Council, their addresses and their telephone numbers. This list is published as a public service by this newspaper for use by the citizens of Agawam.

### COUNCILMEN AT LARGE

Robert DeForge	786-0204	63 Clematis Rd.
Stephen Cincotta	786-2772	72 Joanne Circle
Floyd L. Landers	786-2964	907 North St.

### PRECINCT MEMBERS

<i>Precinct 1</i>		
Francis A. Colli	786-4796	128 Maple St.
Frederick Nardi	786-6068	575 North St.
<i>Precinct 2</i>		
William B. Herd, Jr.	786-3626	19 Clover Hill Dr.
John McNamara, Jr.	786-2008	5 Elmar Dr.
<i>Precinct 3</i>		
John F. Bartnik	786-5782	45 Sequoia Dr.
Kenneth J. Barnes	786-1946	22 Wrenwood Lane
<i>Precinct 4</i>		
Alfred T. Serra	786-1494	61 Valentine Ter.
Richard M. Theroux	786-2526	30 Ley St.
<i>Precinct 5</i>		
Donald Laduzenski	786-1259	14 Plantation Dr.
Paul Paleologopoulos	786-6825	1411 Main St.
<i>Precinct 6</i>		
Paul M. Fieldstad	786-6830	7 Oxford St.
Dennis M. Roberts	786-4231	61 Arbor Lane

### LEGAL NOTICE

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by HAROLD N. CARBONNEAU and PATRICIA A. CARBONNEAU, husband and wife, both of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, to WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4483, Page 141, and dated September 14, 1977, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold at public auction at nine o'clock a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 1979 on the premises hereinafter described, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage, said premises being therein described substantially as follows, to wit:

"a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being designated as Lots 3 (three) and 4 (four) both as shown on the plan entitled 'Agawam, Mass., Plan of Lots for Tobacco Farms Company' dated February 14, 1974 as recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 150, Page 9, said lots being bounded and described in one parcel as follows:

WESTERLY, by South West Street, as shown on said plan, by an irregular line, Two Hundred Forty Two and 00/100 (242.00) feet;  
NORTHERLY, by Lot 2 (two) as shown on said plan, Two Hundred Forty Six and 66/100 (246.66) feet;  
EASTERLY, by land of owners unknown by an irregular line, Three Hundred Thirteen and 61/100 (313.61) feet; and  
SOUTHERLY, by land now or formerly of Gerald Satkowsky, by an irregular line, Three Hundred Fifty Six and 92/100 (356.92) feet.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Being the same premises conveyed to us by Chester J. Nicora, Jr. by deed to be recorded in said Registry of deeds herewith.

Including as part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, hot water heaters, ranges, refrigerators, refrigerating apparatus, plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, mantels, shades, awnings, and all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter installed in or on the premises which renders such articles useful in connection therewith so far as the same are or can be by agreement of parties be made a part of the realty."

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding municipal taxes, tax titles, assessment or liens, if any.  
One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) will be required to be paid in cash, bank check, or certified check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money; other terms to be announced at the sale.

WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK  
by Thomas J. Howard, Jr.  
Its Treasurer

Westfield, MA  
April 11, 1979  
Scharoff and Smith, P.C., Attorneys

Published: April 17, 1979, April 24, 1979, and May 1, 1979



## The Pocono Mountains . . .

## Inflation Fighting Vacations

With the Spring - Summer vacation season fast approaching, would-be tourists throughout the East are focusing attention these days on Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, a resort area since the early 1800's. The Poconos became a resort area originally because their natural setting of hills and woodlands were a welcome relief for city dwellers and their fresh, clean air and sparkling streams afforded the perfect setting for a restful holiday.

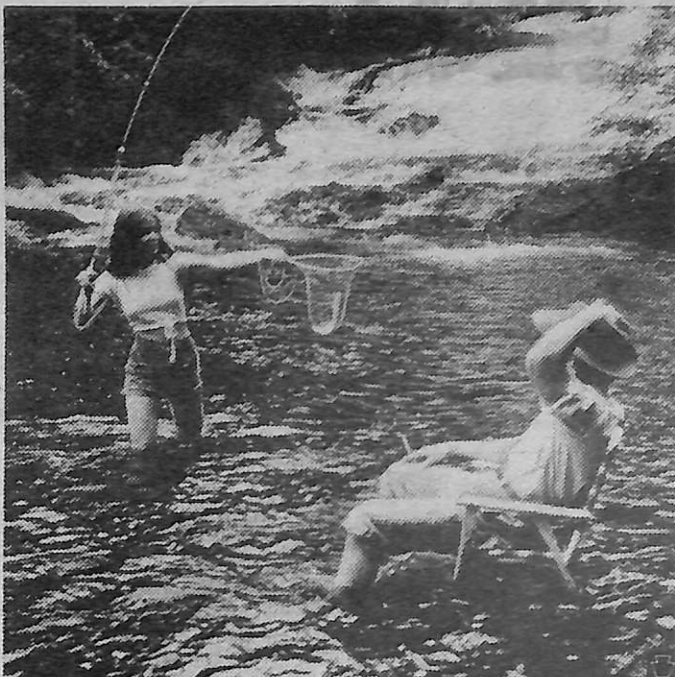
Today, the Poconos remain a resort area with over 300 resorts, motor inns and housekeeping facilities to choose from, a variety of attractions and natural scenic and historic spots to visit and a bounty of fabulous restaurants to try. Covering 2,400 square miles of mountains, lakes, streams and woodlands, the Poconos still offer the perfect setting for tennis, golf, swimming or water skiing, sailing or motor boating or just lulling in the sun.

More than 90% of the resorts in the Poconos are family-owned and operated providing that so often lacking personal touch and friendliness that have made Pocono hospitality renowned over the century and three-quarters that the area has been catering to families, honeymooners, conventioners, singles and anyone who just need to "get away from it all".

Activities are plentiful and may include treasure hunts, hayrides, horseback riding, hiking, wiener roasts, barbecues, hobo picnics, square dances, singalongs or just sitting and watching the trees grow. And when the vacation is over, guests don't need a vacation from the vacation. Pocono visitors return home tanned, happy and relaxed.

Pocono visitors can choose an accommodation to fit their own particular budget since a wide range of rates are offered.

A family of four can vacation in the Poconos at one of the finest family resorts at any of a range of rates beginning as



low as \$350 per family for a seven night stay, Saturday to Saturday. This inflation-fighter includes two meals daily, breakfast and dinner, live nightly entertainment and complete use of all facilities. Rates range upward from \$350 depending upon accommodation chosen. Tax not included. Gratuities at the discretion of the guest.

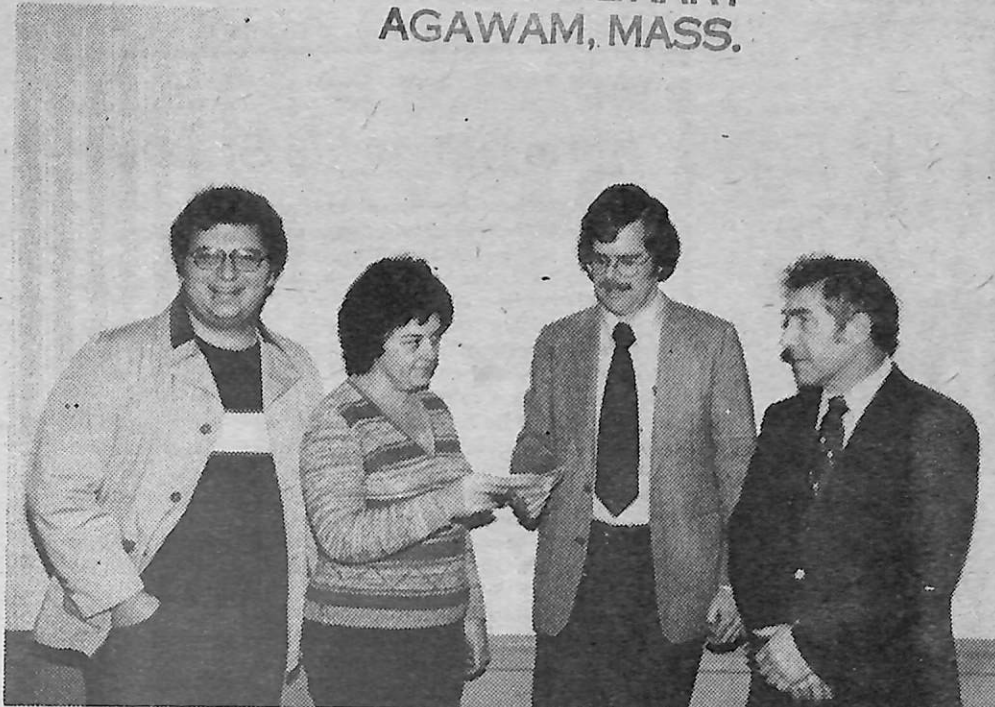
"The Pocono resorts have developed their own methods of fighting inflation in an effort to keep their guests returning year after year," says Robert Uguccioni, Executive Director of the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau, a non-profit, State appointed agency whose purpose is the promotion of tourism in the four-county Pocono area.

"Families are finding there is no need to give up their annual vacation in spite of spiraling costs of living today," he continues. "The resorts have adjusted their rates to help families continue their tradition of vacationing together."

Rich in history, the Poconos

offers a first-hand look at sites and buildings dating back to the early 1800's, many of which have remained unchanged or have been refurbished to maintain their original authenticity. Once visitors arrived in the Poconos by train and were called for by horse-drawn carriages that would take them to their resort. Today, thanks to the superhighway system that criss-crosses the Poconos, visitors can reach their destination in no time at all. Once a Pocono vacation was mainly for the rich and leisure classes. Today, the fun of a Pocono visit is for everyone with a rate structure designed to be affordable. Affordable, accessible and affable . . . we have the perfect Pocono Mountain Vacation for you.

For your free Pocono Vacation Planning Kit for this Spring - Summer season and for info on the new Inflation-Fighter vacations, write the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau, Box K, 1004 Main Street, Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360.



Bill Bradley, second from right, an aide of Senator Paul Tsongas, gives donation to Marueen Scibelli, member of the Agawam Democratic Committee. The donation is to be used for scholarships for Agawam High School seniors given out each year. Looking on are Rudy Altobelli, far right, and Jim Shaer, far left. photo by Jack Devine

'How Things Grow' Begins  
At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is holding a three-week after school program for 1st and 2nd graders titled "How Things Grow" beginning Wednesday, April 25.

The activities celebrate the

spring season by watching closely the world of nature spring up from the ground. Sprouting seeds and hatching tadpoles are two of the observable events that will entertain and instruct the children.

Anne Groth, of Wilbraham, a volunteer Sanctuary teacher at Laughing Brook is the leader. She has included inside and outside activities as well as take-home materials for participants to enjoy.

"How Things Grow" is open to all 1st and 2nd graders. Enrollment is limited and a fee is charged. For more information, call Laughing Brook any day at 566-3571.



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To inform you of why I voted against spending \$4 million for renovating our high school, I list below, for your information, the expenditures I feel to be excessive:

1. Art Department expansion	300,000
2. Commercial Department expansion & renovation	95,000
3. Industrial Arts renovated and re-equipped	500,000
4. Music Department renovation	105,000
5. New Physical Education station & renovation of locker rooms	500,000
6. New Science wing	945,000
7. Five new general classrooms and some re-arranging of walls on existing classrooms	135,000
Relocation & expansion of Guidance Department	25,000
Replacement of Teachers Dining Room	145,000
10. Expansion & relocation of library	200,000
11. Re-habilitation of present administration area	10,000
12. New ceilings installed throughout entire building. New lighting and new power distribution.	280,000
13. Renovation of heating system	246,000
14. Replacement of majority of termite eaten wood windows and extensive glass throughout entire building	180,000
15. Construction of 5 double tennis courts	64,000
16. Re-shaping, re-grading and re-seeding of playing fields	151,000
17. Addition of school storage and maintenance space for building and grounds	119,000

GRAND TOTAL  
4,000,000

In addition to the above expenditures, the Agawam School Committee has committed the Town of Agawam to spending over \$1 million for the Westover Regional Occupational Collaborative.

F. Joseph Napolitan  
Agawam School Committee Member

'No T.V.  
Guides' Says  
Postmaster

Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge wishes to inform his customers that the T.V. Guide Magazine was not received at the Agawam Post Office for delivery. The T.V. Guide dated for Saturday April 14 through April 20 is the publication the Postmaster makes reference to.

Surcharge to be Charged on  
'Non-Standard' Mail

Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge says that effective July 15, 1979, all First Class mail weighing one ounce or less and single piece rate third-class mail weighing two ounces or less, is non-standard and subject to a 7c surcharge in addition to the applicable postage and fees, if any of the following size limits are exceeded:

length exceeds 11 1/2 inches or height exceeds 6 1/2 inches or thickness exceeds 1/4 inch. All mailing pieces other than keys and identification devices must be rectangular in shape, at least 3 1/2 inches high and 5 inches long. Mailing pieces which do not meet these minimum size requirements will be prohibited from the mails.

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**QUESTION: IF YOU HAD TO LIVE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, WHAT COUNTRY WOULD YOU CHOOSE AND WHY?**

*I would like to go to Rome. I would like to see all the Roman buildings and the Roman carriages, but I would only like to stay for 3 months. I only would like to stay 3 months because I like out country better.*

**Kerry Krzynowek-Grade 4  
Granger School**

*I would like to go to China because my uncle lives there and I like their food and my uncle usually takes us out for supper and I like China dishes.*

**Stephanie Bennett-Grade 4  
Granger School**

*If I had a choice to live in any foreign country I wanted, I would pick Italy. I would pick Italy because I am Italian. I would also like to live in Italy because they have many antiques and trolly cars. It would also be fun to learn a new language and meet new people.*

**Amy Wilson-Grade 6  
Agawam Middle School**

*I would like to be in Arabia because I like the hot weather, and sometimes I like to work alot. You could go swimming all the time, and I love to swim. But most of all I like cold foods like ice cream.*

**Laurie Pinney-Grade 5  
Danahy School**

*I would pick France because I like Paris. It's a beautiful city and I like to see the Eiffel Tower.*

**Daniel Ruby-Grade 5  
Danahy School**

*If I had to live in some foreign country, I would choose Hong Kong, because I could learn to speak Chinese and go to their schools and see how different they are. In Hong Kong they have morning while we have night.*

**Dennis Martin-Grade 5  
Danahy School**

*I would like to live in France because it has a lot of beautiful places and sights.*

**David Charest-Grade 5  
Danahy School**

*I would like to live in France because I'm French and I would like to learn more about my country and the habits of people in France.*

**Micheline Johnson-Grade 5  
Danahy School**

*I would choose Brazil because I would like to live far out. It is a very big country and it is hot.*

**Lori Orlosk-Grade 5  
Danahy School**

*If I had to live in another country, it would be Saudi Arabia. Saudia Arabia is a country in which you learn and speak different languages. You wear different clothes. Saudi Arabia is very foreign and it would be really interesting to live there.*

**Douglas Lush-Grade 5  
Danahy School**

*I'd like to live in Switzerland because I like skiing.*

**Chris Sparks-Grade 5  
Danahy School**

*I would like to move to China. I would like to know how to speak Chinese. I'd like to see some of the kinds of dolls.*

**Colleen Lappie-Grade 5  
Danahy School**

*I would choose Hong Kong, because of the beautiful sights. It would be a fun experience to learn what kind of different industries they have which we don't. You would learn how to speak Chinese and go to their schools.*

**Richard Mutti-Grade 5  
Danahy School**

#### POOR FRED'S RED BED SPREAD

A bed is a bed, that needs a spread. But Fred took the red spread off. So now there is only 1 red bed.

Fred doesn't like red beds so. Fred tore apart the spread, bed and the red. And he left thread and the new red bed.

**James Nardi  
Age 8**

**NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION:** Are you enjoying Kids Korner, would you like to see any changes and do you have any questions for Kid's Korner?

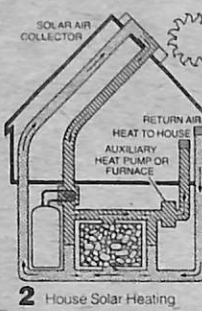
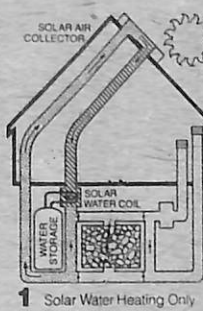
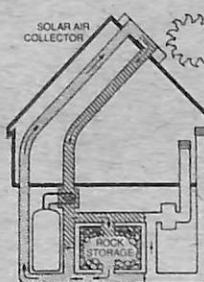


#### Goal of Solar Home . . .

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If the basic suburban ranch house were solar heated, what would it be like?

It probably would be much like a trim 1,312-square foot ranch on the outskirts of Indianapolis—the Solar Research and Demonstration Home of the BDP Company.

A major manufacturer of home heating and cooling equipment, BDP's goal is to make solar heat economically practical for middle income families. The company, which manufactures Bryant, Day & Night and Payne equipment, hopes to learn how much energy a solar system actually saves in a home with such "average" features as single glaze windows with storms, R-13 wall insulation and panelized construction.

A by-product of the research house is that it is helping students, builders and homeowners

to better understand how solar heating works. BDP prepared the diagrams above to show how heated air from roof collectors moves through the house and in and out of the rock storage bin.

The solar equipment and weather conditions affecting its operation are closely monitored by an on-location computer. Laboratory analysis of this information will lead to continued improvements in mass-produced solar equipment—and affordable solar heating.

## Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



The month of April can contain some pretty 'funny' weather, as we all know. Regardless of how funny the weather gets, the spring bulbs and tubers are beginning to show their green heads.

Now is a good time to begin to loosen the winter mulches on your flower beds and around evergreens and roses. Be very gentle in your flower beds so as not to break off tender shoots of perennials. Once you have cleaned your flower beds, apply a 5-10-5 fertilizer over your summer mulch or work it into the soil around flowers. This early boost will provide stronger plants and better blooms later on.

Evergreens can look drab this time of year. In the cold soil of early spring, a soil-applied fertilizer will be slow to act on these plants. Apply a foliage feeding at this time, and they will thank you. Mix a liquid solution of 10-8-7 and spray it on the leaves or needles.

Out in the vegetable garden things should be on the upswing. Clean up the area, add lime if necessary and any compost you want to. Work this all in and let the spring rains do their job. Rain water has a good concentration of nitrogen in it and is one of the best fertilizers there is.

If you plan to mulch your vegetable garden of flower beds this year for the first time, here are some hints that will help. Don't mulch hot, dry soil. Wait until after a heavy rain or deep watering. Do use whatever is free, if possible. Otherwise, use what is most abundant or cheap. Hay, straw, bark, shredded leaves, dried grass clippings all will work well.

Don't overlook sources for free mulch. Ask around for spoiled hay or sawdust mixed with manure.

Do apply a complete fertilizer high in nitrogen before mulching with any organic material. Organic mulches can cause a nitrogen deficiency as the mulch steals nitrogen from the soil as it decomposes.

Don't go overboard with heavy mulches if we have a wet year or if you have very heavy soil. Mulching can be an advantage by keeping the weeds under control and allowing the soil to stay damp in dry weather.

Give your soil the "Squeeze test." I'd better explain, right? Squeeze a handful of soil, then poke it with your finger. If it sticks together, it's too wet to work. If it crumbles, get busy. It's planting time. KEEP SMILING! JMC

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# Sports

## Welcome to my World

By Charles Duclos

It seems like only yesterday that I put away the kid's soccer balls, baseballs, footballs, etc., and thought to myself, "no more sports until next spring. I can now relax, get a few projects done around the house, and enjoy myself."

Well, I can honestly tell you that I enjoyed myself since last fall, but the few projects are still undone; the new sports season for us has begun; ah well, there's always next year.

### Davey Slays Saints

Little Davey Jenks, acting like a one-man dynamo, led his team, the AAA 13-14 boys' soccer team, to a 9-0 trouncing of Springfield's St. Matthew's. Jenks was the sole scorer in the first half, which saw Coach Bill O'Brien's booters with a 4-0 lead.

In the second half, Jenks picked up two more tallies along with two by the coach's son, Bill, and one by Brian Connor.

Coach O'Brien had warm words for his entire team, and lauded Tony Caputo, Dave Stratton, Kevin Kamyk, and Phil Podgorski for their outstanding defensive play.

Assistant Coach, Dave Stratton, is hospitalized with a knee problem and all wish him well and a speedy recovery.

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### Chevey's Chargers Conquer

Slip sliding away applied to Coach Doug Chevalier's 15-16 AAA soccer team as they met So. Hadley at the Middle School's rain-snow drenched field last Saturday.

Within the first few minutes of opening play, Carmen Romeo eased one into the net to give Agawam a 1-0 lead.

Chevalier's Chargers controlled most of the action, and the teamwork exhibited indicated that they had learned their lessons well during practice sessions these past few weeks.

So, Hadley managed to strike into Agawam's territory occasionally, and during one sortie did manage to tie-up the game. It appeared that that would be the final outcome, but with 30 seconds remaining, Jeff Duclos got caught in the middle of a wild scramble in front of South Hadley's goal, found the sphere and drove it deep into the net to give Agawam a 2-1 win.

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Both Coach O'Brien's 13-14 and Coach Doug Chevalier's 15-16 soccer teams are sponsored by the Agawam Athletic Association, but they are playing in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League.



Bill Chiba, outdoor columnist, is displaying three rainbow trout caught recently on a trip to Lake Ontario. He is planning a return trip in the near future.

## Track Team Run-A-Thon

The Agawam High School boys' and girls' track teams will hold a joint five-mile run-a-thon on Saturday, April 21, starting at 10 a.m.

The route will begin at Sacred Heart Church, go east on Mill Street to Cooper, to Rowley, to O'Brien's Corner, west on Springfield Street, back to Sacred Heart.

The purpose of the run-a-thon, sanctioned by the A.H.S. Track Parents Association and coaches, is two-fold: first, to bring attention to the citizens of Agawam and surrounding communities the excitement of track and field and to solicit community support and attendance at forthcoming events; and secondly, but most important, to encourage more students to go out for the sport.

Over the next several weeks tracksters will be soliciting friends, neighbors, and family for pledges or donations to be used to help defray costs of the joint A.H.S. boys' and girls' track banquet scheduled

for May 24, which is open to the public.

If you are not contacted by a trackster, donations may be mailed in care of Mr. Richard Hauff, 14 Bessbrook Street, Feeding Hills, and checks should be made payable to "Agawam High School Track Parent Association."

## Life Saving Course Open

Final notice for the upcoming Advanced Life Saving course to be conducted beginning April 20 has been given. Deadline for registration is April 18. This course is required for anyone who wants to be a lifeguard.

Registration for American Red Cross First Aid courses will open April 18 for the standard first aid class to be held May 2 through June 13 at the chapter house.

For further information contact the Pioneer Valley Chapter offices of the American Red Cross, Department of Health and Safety Educational Services, 737-4306.

## Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

A delightful trip to Lake Ontario last week proved to be not only exciting, but harrowing to say the least.

Stan Berchulski and I headed for Pulaski, N.Y. when we were informed that the gigantic browns and steel heads were running. The fishermen are at the mercy of the weather, and the extended forecast was not too encouraging. However, we put out on the roily, windswept water after observing land fishermen hauling in five to eight-pound rainbows off a breakwater. The wind reached gusts up to 30 miles per hour, and the rain drove down with a fury.

We did have sheltered water for about 60 yards out on the lake because of the lee of the land. The wind was coming in from the southeast. After ten minutes on the water, my reel sounded off with a scream. I had on a Lake Ontario monster.

I was fishing with my Orvis fly rod with Cortland high density sinking fly line and 40 feet of leader of 10-pound weight. I had tied on a medium-size Mooselook for starters. The spoon never came off the line although a couple of times I believed a fish was going to make off with it.

Bringing that first fish to net was a job. The wind beat at the boat and drove it out to rough water; the fish wanted to go in the opposite direction, and I thought that Stan was going to fall out while trying to net it. The fish was so heavy that I could not get its head on top of the water in order to skitter it on top of the water towards the net. It had to be brought into the boat by strength alone. It was hooked good and ended up on the stringer.

To make a long story short, I ended up with four rainbows going from four to six pounds. Stouthearted Stan did not get a hit. He fished hard, but for some unknown reason, the fish did not want what he presented. Twice I had on fish that did not want to budge after being hooked. They had to be big browns, for this is a trait of theirs. I was lucky to save my tackle.

As soon as a good extended weather forecast is made, the wife and I are off to a week of that kind of fishing.



### First Tournament

The Agawam Bowmen Club will host the 1st Mass. Bare Bow Archery sanctioned tournament at its range on the Agawam/southwick line April 22. Shooting will commence at 8 a.m. and cease at 5 p.m. Awards will be given in three classes in every class registered. Refreshments and archery instructions will be available to archers and guest throughout the day.

### Mass Turkeys

Wild turkey populations are flourishing in the Commonwealth's western counties with the result that the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has begun a transplant program by trapping birds and moving them to suitable habitat in other parts of the state.

The current birds are descended from wild birds trapped in New York State and released in Massachusetts in 1972 and 1973. The plant grew from 37 birds to more than 800. It is hoped that a spring bird hunt will be established in the near future.

### Black Powder Hearing Set

A public hearing on the black powder controversy will be held May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the New England Electric Co., Westboro. A four-day season beginning on Monday and ending on Thursday will be considered. The first two days will be limited to those with flintlocks or daplocks only while the last two days will allow those with any designed weapon as a muzzleloader weapon only or a single shotgun converted to muzzleloading by means of an adapter plug.

Other proposals to be considered are limiting projectiles to single, round lead balls; limiting powder to black powder and such synthetic substitutes as authorized by the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association; prohibition of scopes; and the definitions of muzzleloading and what constitutes an unloaded muzzle-loading firearm.

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Every fisherman has his secrets. The best pond, the best strategy—these facts are more closely guarded than the crown jewels. Fortunately for anglers everywhere, Owen Flynn, a retired Lowell sports writer and veteran Massachusetts fisherman, has decided to tell publicly all his fishing secrets and insights. He does this in a new book, *50 Trout Ponds in Massachusetts: Where to Find Them, How to Fish Them* published by the New Hampshire Publishing Company of Somersworth, N.H. It is available now in time for trout season which opened this past Saturday.

*50 Trout Ponds in Massachusetts* is more than a guide. To take this book fishing is to take Owen Flynn along, to benefit from his advice, to be entertained by his angling anecdotes, to fish with a friend.

Flynn's information is complete. Unlike the angler who divulges the name of a good pond but keeps the best location to himself, Owen Flynn tells the full story. The easiest access points, the most successful lures, flies and rods, the names of the major species inhabiting a particular pond, the pros and cons of wading and trolling—these are discussed for 50 different ponds. Accompanying maps indicate water depths as well as the precise spot from which to catch the best and most trout.

Throughout the book photos from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife provide the angler with further encouragement. And, a glance at Owen Flynn's 22 inch brown "trophy trout" will inspire the disheartened angler on even the slowest of days.

Massachusetts stocks 147 ponds and lakes for a total of 18,063 acres, a stocking ratio of 15 pounds of fish per acre, explains Flynn. These ponds are stocked yearly with 275,000 pounds of fish. Owen Flynn believes wholeheartedly that every angler should know about these ponds, and discusses this in his account of a fishing trip to Stiles Pond in Boxford, when one of his "angling pals" made this comment: "Owen" he said, "I know you're a writer,

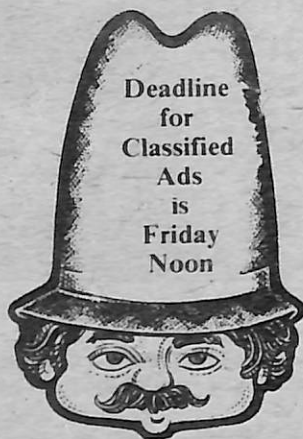
but I hope you won't write up this pond, because I'd like to keep it for ourselves..."

"There's plenty of pond her for everyone who wants to fish trout," I replied. "Everyone who buys a license is entitled to know where the trout are, and hot spots like these should not be kept a secret. Yup, I'm certainly going to write about it."

Richard Cronin, Superintendent of Wildlife for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, describes Owen Flynn as "an honest outdoor writer, willing to share all he knows in hopes that others might enjoy what he has enjoyed." It is this premise on which *50 Trout Ponds in Massachusetts* is based.

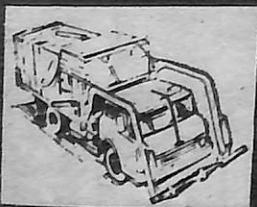
The author's enthusiasm for fishing and the outdoors is understandably contagious. His book is laced with stories of the trials and tribulations experienced by fishermen everywhere in their search for that "big lunker"—the "trophy trout". Flynn's honesty adds greatly to the book's appeal. Not only does he tell the reader when and where his fishing trips proved disappointing, he discusses his theories about why he was unsuccessful.

No book about fishing would be complete without at least one story about "the one that got away", and Owen Flynn has one to tell. But Flynn's attitude is special, and his love for the sport never interferes with his appreciation for the outdoors. In his conclusion he writes, "I have spent more than a few fishless days, and I expect that I will spend more. I never let myself get discouraged, though, because the good days always make the bad ones worthwhile...I hope this information prevents you from having too many fishless days, but when they do, you'll always have the great outdoors to help you pass the time."



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## Swim Team Sign-ups

The A.A.A. Piranhas Swim Team will hold its spring sign-up on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Agawam High School.

All swimmers between the ages of 5 and 18 are encouraged to join the team. It is a good opportunity to have fun, make new friends, develop new swimming skills or improve your old ones to develop self-pride.

The Piranhas consider themselves fortunate to have the services of a very capable coach, Judi Gregory, who is girls' varsity coach for Longmeadow High. Judi has a staff of competent assistants.

This is a team where there are no bench warmers. Every member swims in every meet.

Any questions may be directed to Rod Richardson, 786-2952; Irene Scalise, 786-5010; or Paul Mathews, 786-6990.



Awards were recently presented to members of the championship teams in the Pioneer Valley Suburban Soccer League. From left to right: Lisa Chevalier, Jennifer O'Brien, Diane Goodman, Debbie Dalton, Tami Fassanicht, and Karen Mazza. photo by Jack Devine

## Lionettes Softball Sign-ups

The Agawam Lionettes will hold sign-ups on Thursday, April 19 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the high school parking lot.

This announcement is an invitation to all eligible girls interested in competitive, summer fast pitch softball to try out. Girls who are now playing varsity or junior varsity softball are eligible, but must sign up.

The Lionettes play a suburban league schedule with games two nights a week and occasionally on weekends and practice once a week on weekends. Also, they play special tournaments on weekends.

The Lionettes are the only

team from Agawam that plays at this level, and they are defending ASA State Champions. They represented the New England region at the nationals in San Antonio, Texas, last year and have an exciting program planned for this year.

Eligibility requirements are as follows: Must be 18 or under as of Sept. 1, 1979; Must reside in Agawam or attend an Agawam school; Must have played at least two full seasons of organized fast-pitch softball; and must be an amateur, never having received money or material of significant market value for playing softball.



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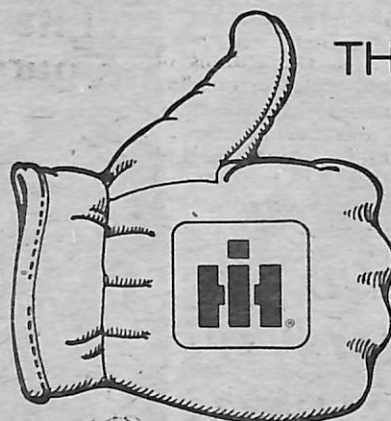
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## Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

With spring here, thoughts turn to nesting and reproduction in the avian kingdom. Since very few birds have any external reproductive organs (male swans, ducks, and geese do), it piques the imagination to conjecture over just how these little creatures accomplish procreation. Wonder no longer. Read on.

Basically, the reproductive organs of birds differ little from those of mammals. The male produces sperm in the testes. The sperm travel down a pair of tubes called the vas deferens to an orifice seated on the cloaca. The sperm is deposited on and around the cloaca. The female has a corresponding cloaca which receives the sperm when these two areas come into contact during the mating season.

Once the sperm has been transferred, it travels up the vagina in an effort to meet an oncoming egg. Eggs are produced in the left ovary almost always as it is a general rule that the right ovary exists in a rudimentary state only and develops rarely.

The egg passes into the oviduct where it is fertilized. It is in the oviduct that the shell is formed, and this is accomplished before fertilization. The egg is then expelled through the cloaca.

An egg consists of three basic parts - the shell, the yolk, and the white or albumen. The shell offers protection from the environment and provides a source of calcium for the chick's bone structure. Gases pass through the shell allowing oxygen in and carbon dioxide out. Water is also lost through the shell, sometimes causing dehydration. In some species, this loss of water precipitates the formation of an air sack from which the chick will begin to breathe shortly before hatching.

The yolk provides almost all of the nutrients and is generally just about used-up at hatching time. What little does remain is drawn into the body just before hatching and helps sustain the chick in case his parents are not able to feed him soon after hatching.

The egg white contains most of the water essential to the embryo's survival and also acts as a protective device.

Some ornithologists believe the shape of an egg is a direct result of the shape of the mother's pelvic girdle. Others find that the receiving environment influence the color and shape of the egg.

Next week we will consider the eggs of some of our indigenous species and learn how to identify them.

## The YMCA In Agawam Part III - The Future

The immediate future of the Y.M.C.A. facilities located in the center of Agawam with access off the corner of Perry Lane and Mill Street is full of growth, activity, and enthusiasm. The leadership for this surge of energy is coming from a small, hard-working committee chaired by Mary Ann Dietschler of Perry Lane.

Some of the program the group has planned for the summer of 1979 include a pre-season tennis clinic on Saturday mornings, a Chicken Bar-be-que served by the Agawam Lions and preceded by a road race on June 24th, a catered pool party and dinner dance on July 14th with the Purple Onion serving the food and Thursday's Child providing the music. Also planned are a couple of other pot-luck, picnic fun days and several special days for the children, like a pet contest, a bike-decorating contest, and a clown day.

YMCA swim lessons are also offered along with two day camps, a teen program offering life sports clinics and fitness instruction, and a well-organized tennis schedule.

Last year, the Family Center (as it's now being called) doubled its membership and Mr. Steffey, its director, anticipates it will again double this year. "I believe this is a realistic expectation," said Mr. Steffey, "especially when you compare the price with other comparable facilities, the quality of our program and the growth of young families in Agawam."

The price is \$95 for a family. The facilities include a beautiful, large swimming pool, three tennis courts, a playground, and hiking trails. The quality of which Mr. Steffey speaks involves National-certified YMCA swimming instructor, fitness instructors, and Agawam's own Rudy Altobelli on the tennis courts.

Statistically, Agawam is growing faster than any other community in the Pioneer Valley. According to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Council, the population of Agawam is expected to increase by 50% in the next 20 years.

Long range, this increased population means a continued market for recreation, fitness, and youth programs. To meet this challenge, Mr. Steffey has begun on 10-year projections of program and facility development. According to Mr. Steffey, some of the "Y's" long range goals include strengthening family life, collaboration between service providers and creative use of leisure time. He would like to see the YMCA Cardiac Care program expanded in Agawam, family counseling provided, and a greater use of the existing facilities by the town and other service agencies. He said, "Collaboration is an economical necessity and the health of the community is directly related to the strength of family life."

Anyone interested in inquiring further about the Y.M.C.A. in Agawam may call Mr. Steffey at 739-6951, Ext. 252.

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and he questioned the motives for their opposition to the business park.

Bergin also expressed concern over the fact that a Business B zone change would provide the town with few controls over the developer. "We have to keep in mind that approving this in Feeding Hills not only will effect the people in that area but also give us no control over a 50 million dollar business park," Bergin said.

Bergin said, "there is nothing wrong with business development in the town," but the Planning Board must have sufficient control over it in order to protect the community. He also said that Agawam officials should be trying to stabilize existing shopping centers and not allow the formation of additional retail outlets that would relieve them of needed business.

There was also much anxiety expressed by all board members in the state of existing zoning by-laws. Huot said that the present zoning by-laws cannot handle this type of project. Chickette proposed that the planners completely review the zoning regulations as soon as

possible.

"Why not just take all the zoning by-laws we have in Agawam and throw them out the window and allow Agawam to stay in the state it is in now. The present by-laws don't allow us to do anything," Chickette angrily declared.

After the meeting, Beltrandi told the Advertiser/News the meat of the dispute against the park seems to be centered on the "control" aspect the town presently cannot place on him.

"I would have rather seen a vote in favor of the park but it comes down to the control factor. In my opinion, Mr. Huot is against the park because of that aspect. I really don't think there is anyone in town against providing local citizens with jobs or stabilizing taxes."

At the April 5th public hearing, Beltrandi said he would sign a pact with the town to ensure that he follows the original intent of the project. Acting Town Attorney Richard Morassi however, said that to his knowledge, the pact would not be binding in a court of law.



By Larry Bouchard

The Spring Sizzler played host to Mother Nature this weekend and had to be postponed until next weekend, April 21 & 22.

On Saturday, there will be time trials, qualifying heats, and consolation for the non-qualify race to be held on Sunday along with the 80 lap

Sizzler.

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From left to right: Ray McCarroll, Edith McLean and Iris Copson of the Jaycee-ettes. photo by Jack Devine

The Agawam Jaycees-ettes turned Friday the 13th into Mrs. Edith McLean's lucky day. Mr. Ray McCarroll of Food Mart drew Mrs. McLean's ticket that day for the winning number in the Agawam Jaycee-ettes Hog Jog. The supermarket sweepstakes prize was 3 minutes of shopping for food items only and a limit on two of each item set.

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They failed because the Library Building Committee refused to answer the questions. Members Fieldstad gave as his reason for refusal "the advise of council" and member Borgatti gave as his reason "the absence of legal council". Member Bickford did not comment; the statement said.

Leary said, "Oh, I'm not even sure our position paper covers it all. And I won't say that other points wouldn't come forward at a later date. I think if you asked the Review Board these nine questions, they could not answer them."

Fieldstad said he was "tired of the entire matter". He said that the ABA has never submitted specific allegations against the Building Committee, just questions.

"If they (the ABA) had specific allegations of misdoings, let them charge us with them and then we will defend it in court," Fieldstad said that "possibly personal vendettas" were involved in what he termed a "witch hunt", by the ABA AD Hoc panel.

"Everything we did was absolutely legal. The EDA would not have approved the funds if we were not a legal body. In fact, we never touched the money, it went through the Manager's desk, then through the Town Accountant's desk, then through Jack Stone's desk. (Stone was the Town's EDA officer.) The EDA did a complete audit of our books and there was a complete inspection by EDA officials to make sure everything was done," Fieldstad said.

Fieldstad said that through the entire process, the checks and balances were sufficient to ensure that the procedures his committee followed were maintained in a proper manner. "And if Mr. Lery is such a legal authority on all this, why wasn't he or any

other member of that organization ever at one of our meetings? Leary didn't enter the scene until his furniture store lost the bid for the library," he observed.

Napolitan said the 3 man building committee spent excessively on the project. "They were very very free spenders," Napolitan commented.

Leary said that until building committee members are willing to answer the ABA's questions, the taxpayers will continue to be in the dark on the library's construction.

"We pray for the people of our community to take notice of our efforts regarding the library committee and our ongoing commitment to encourage excellence in our government," the statement from the ABA further said.

"We urge all citizens to insist on highest standards of public service and to reject our government's efforts to avoid accountability."

According to Fieldstad, \$70,000 should be left over from the project, with Agawam receiving approximately \$17,000 reimbursement. "We did a good job constructing that library and the Town can be proud of it," he said.

Fieldstad defended the committee's actions on the music shell and said that the committee received permission from both Caputo and the EDA to construct the shell. According to Fieldstad, Caputo signed the purchase orders sent to him by his committee for the shell's



As Mrs. McLean dashed up her first chosen aisle, No. 3, to start, her cheering squad could be heard in the background: "Coffee, Coffee!!" pleaded her droopy-eyed husband Donald and screams of "peanut butter, cookies and ice cream" echoed from her children. When she disappeared at the meat counter for over a minute of her time, a look of sheer panic overtook the Agawam Jaycee-ettes present.

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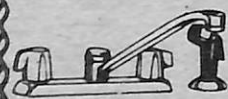
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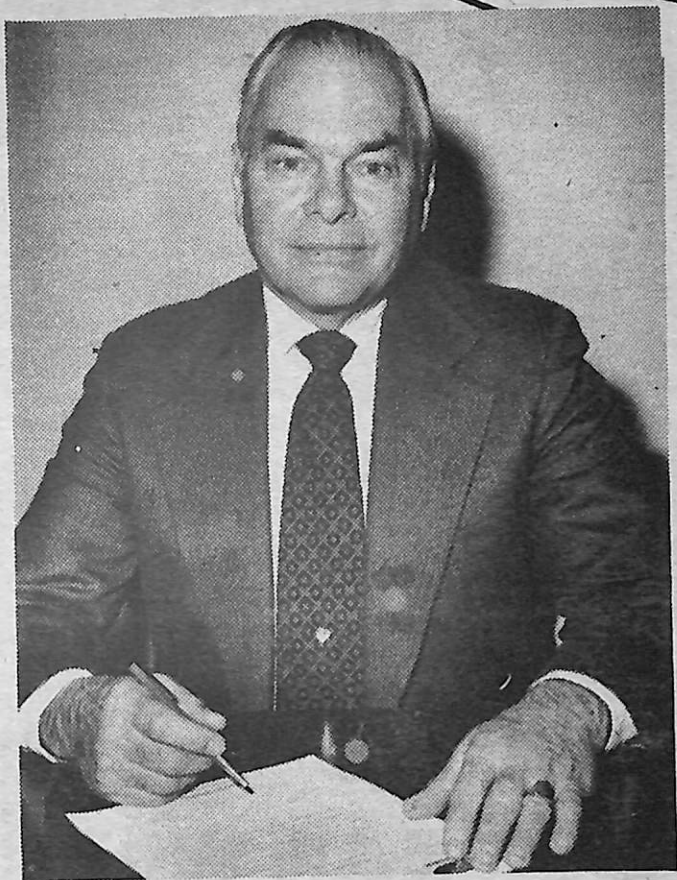
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Arthur W. Knapp

## Knapp Appointed Board Chairman Of Westfield Savings

Arthur W. Knapp has been appointed Chairman of the Board of the Westfield Savings Bank by the bank's Board of Trustees and continues as president and chief executive officer, the position he has held since October 10, 1961.

When Mr. Knapp joined the Westfield Savings Bank in December of 1945 following World War Two service as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe, the bank's total assets were approximately \$11 million, and the bank's one office at 100 Elm Street was served by ten employees.

Now, 34 years later, total assets are more than \$139 million and the four banking offices - two in Westfield and one each in West Springfield and Agawam - are served by some 60 employees.

Mr. Knapp, who first as treasurer and then as executive vice president and president, has guided the Westfield Savings Bank through its period of greatest growth.

When he became president in 1961, he also achieved the distinction of becoming the first fulltime president of the bank. Previously, the presidency had been an inactive position with the fulltime treasurer or executive vice president as the operating head of the bank.

Mr. Knapp is the 15th president of Westfield Savings Bank during its 126 years and has served in that capacity longer than any of the previous bank presidents.

One of Mr. Knapp's earliest assignments was as manager of the West Springfield office of the bank when it was opened at 120 Elm Street in that community on April 1, 1948. The new West Springfield office at 206 Park Street was opened in 1957, four years after Mr. Knapp had returned to the main office in Westfield as treasurer.

A major accomplishment during Mr. Knapp's presidency has been the construction of the new main office building at 141 Elm Street. On the day of the opening, Monday, December 14, 1964, Mr. Knapp said, "Two goals were kept in mind in the planning and construction of our new office: continuing our tradition of the finest in banking and planning for the growth of the future."

For the convenience of the bank's Agawam customers, an attractive, colonial-style building was constructed in that community, dedicated in June, 1968. And two years ago, the original Arnold Street drive-in office in Westfield was replaced by a larger, modern banking facility, also of colonial style.

Under Mr. Knapp's direction, the Westfield Savings Bank has made home ownership a reality for thousands of families in the area. And the bank's mortgage portfolio has included loans for the expansion of industrial and commercial properties, recreational facilities, and health and religious institutions.

A lifelong resident of Westfield, Mr. Knapp has contributed his time and talent to many organizations. He is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Westfield, the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, and the Noble Hospital Board of Trustees, of which he is a member.

He is past chairman of the finance committee for the Westfield YMCA; is treasurer of the Westfield Fair Association; and affiliated with the Westfield Athenaeum, the First Congregational Church, United Way of Pioneer Valley, and the Community Health Council.

In 1967, Mr. Knapp was the recipient of the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs of Westfield.

## Westfield Savings Has Successful Year

Assets of the Westfield Savings Bank on March 31 were a record \$139,546,862, President Arthur W. Knapp told the 126th annual meeting of the bank's corporators at the

Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills on April 11.

"The past year has been a very good one for the Westfield Savings Bank," Mr. Knapp said, "and on the basis

of first quarter results, I am confident that 1979 is going to be another excellent year for the bank."

He told the bank's corporators that 1978 will be remembered as "the year in which the Money Market Certificates were introduced, paying high rates of interest and upsetting the traditional course of events for the thrift industry in a time of rising interest rates."

Mr. Knapp said these certificates have had - and will continue to have - a significant impact on the destinies of the Westfield Savings Bank and the entire banking industry. "There emergence may mean, for example," he said, "that those of us in mutual savings banking must give consideration to new types of savings instruments and give closer attention to the short-term money market, matching our traditional expertise in the long-term sector."

Mr. Knapp told the meeting that while deposits on March 31 were at an all-time high of \$125,940,378, "inflation has, without doubt, slowed down the rate of deposit growth somewhat. With the escalating costs of fuel, food, and other necessities, the amount of money left over for savings was reduced."

During the past year, Westfield Savings Bank paid a record \$7,469,239 in dividends to savers. These dividends were paid at the rates of 5¼% for regular savings accounts, 5¾% for 90-day notice accounts, 6½% for 1 to 2½ year certificates, 6¾% for 2½ to 4 year certificates,

7½% for 4-year certificates, and 7¾% for 6-year certificates.

Mr. Knapp paid tribute during the meeting to David C. Colton, who has ended 25 years of service to the Westfield Savings Bank. Mr. Colton became a corporator on April 21, 1954, was elected to the board of trustees on April 13, 1955, and was elected vice president on April 14, 1965. He becomes an honorary trustee and remains as a corporator.

Tribute was also paid to Miss Mary Kane, assistant treasurer and corporator, who on April 27 will observe her 44th year with Westfield Savings Bank. Miss Kane is retiring this month.

A third recipient of Mr. Knapp's tribute in behalf of Westfield Savings Bank was Harry Slater of Westfield, who is retiring as a corporator after 25 years.

Trustees re-elected for three years were Charles F. Chunglo of the Western Mass. electric Company; Alvah W. Elzerman, consultant to Stanley Home Products Inc.; John E. Reed, president of Sterling Radiator Company; and Attorney Philip C. Smith.

Arthur W. Knapp was re-elected president, Thomas J. Howard Jr. was re-elected vice-president, and Attorney Horace N. Fuller was re-elected clerk of the corporation.

Renamed to the auditing committee were George B. Brooks, administrator of Noble Hospital; A. Stanley Rzewski, Westfield businessman; and Attorney Philip C. Smith.

## Buxton's Introduces Bill Blass Collection

Coty Award Hall of Fame winner Bill Blass has designed an extensive fashion collection to be introduced for the fall '79 season by Buxton, one of America's leading producers of personal leather goods.

The imaginative new groups - called the Bill Blass Leather Works - include men's and women's personal leather goods and accessories and men's belts and will be sold at major department stores and specialty shops throughout the country.

"Personal leathers should be more than utilitarian accessories and should reflect the individual's fashion style," observed Bill Blass. "Our aim in these new collections, therefore, was to combine the classic beauty of the world's finest leathers with a contemporary styling touch."

Founded in 1898, Buxton

has recorded many "famous firsts" over the years, including the first "Key-Tainer" and the innovative stitchless billfold.

"We are extremely pleased to be working with Bill Blass in creating this new collection," stated C. William Crain, president of Buxton.

"This association represents a new thrust for Buxton," he continued, "and, based on the exciting new products that have been developed, we are very optimistic about the future of the Bill Blass Leather Works collection."

"Finally, greatness comes to leather," concluded Crain. "for, in a sense, the Bill Blass Leather Works have been in development for over 80 years...combining his unsurpassed eye for contemporary fashion with our ongoing dedication to quality and workmanship."



Coty Award Hall of Fame winner Bill Blass (r.) and C. William Crain (l.), president of Buxton, are shown discussing new Bill Blass Leather Works collection, to be introduced for Fall '79 by Buxton, one of America's leading producers of personal leather goods.

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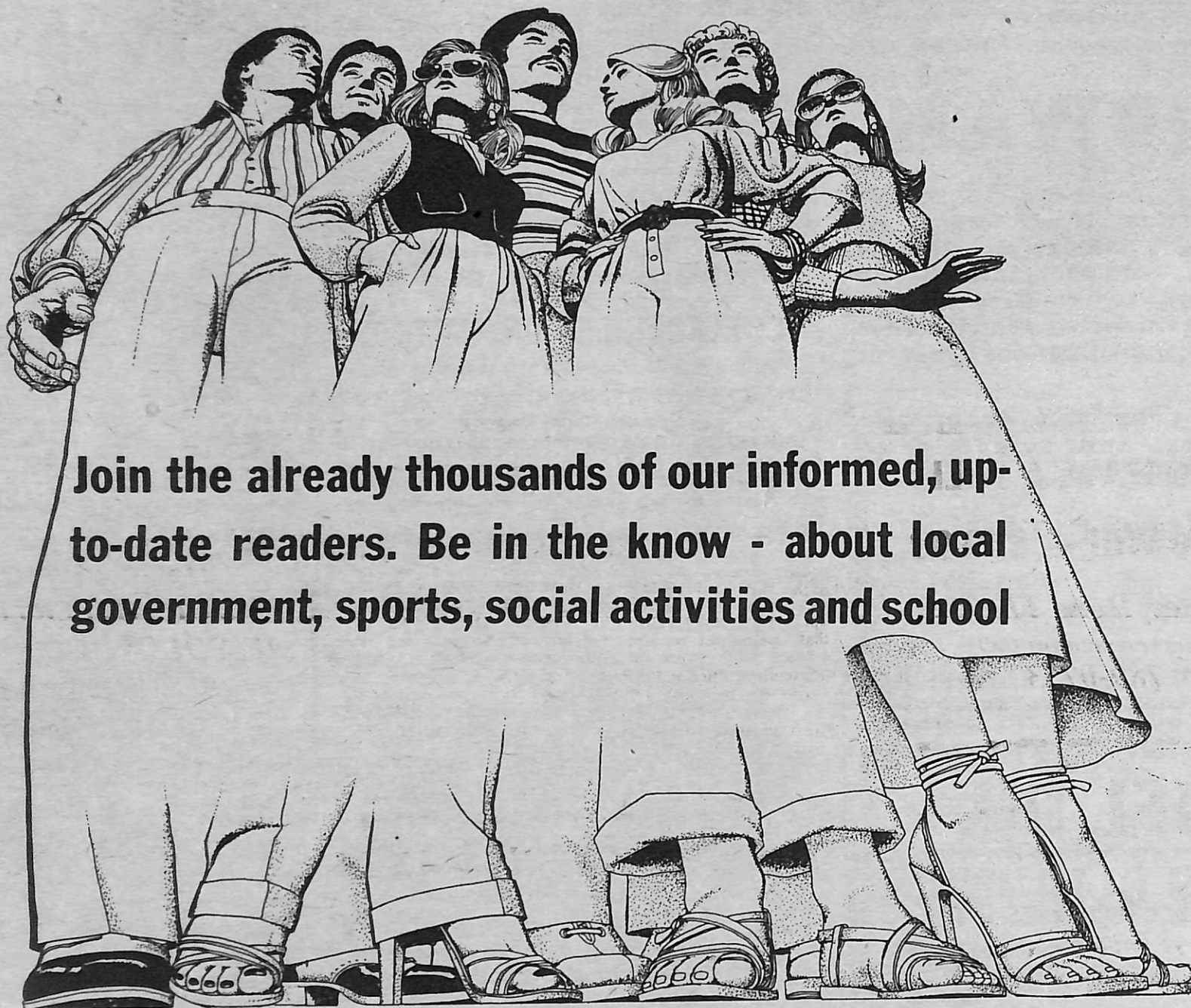
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